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... **NOW!** THROW
THAT SWITCH... WHILE
THERE'S STILL
TIME...

*Within THAT MYSTERIOUS
CABINET WAS... **WHAT?**
FOR A TENSE, GRIPPING STORY
... FOR A CLIMAX YOU'LL
REMEMBER FOREVER...*

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"NOTHING *but the*
TRUTH!"

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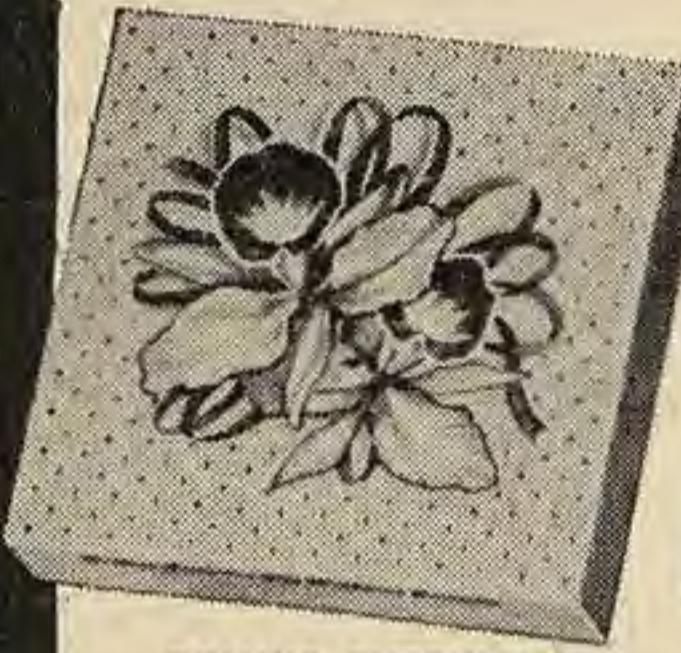
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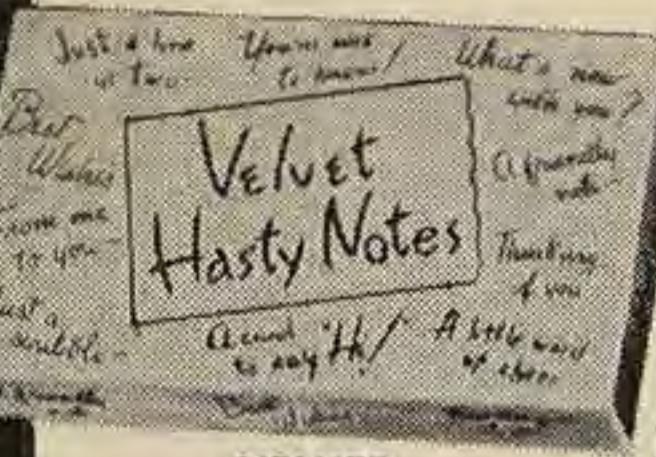
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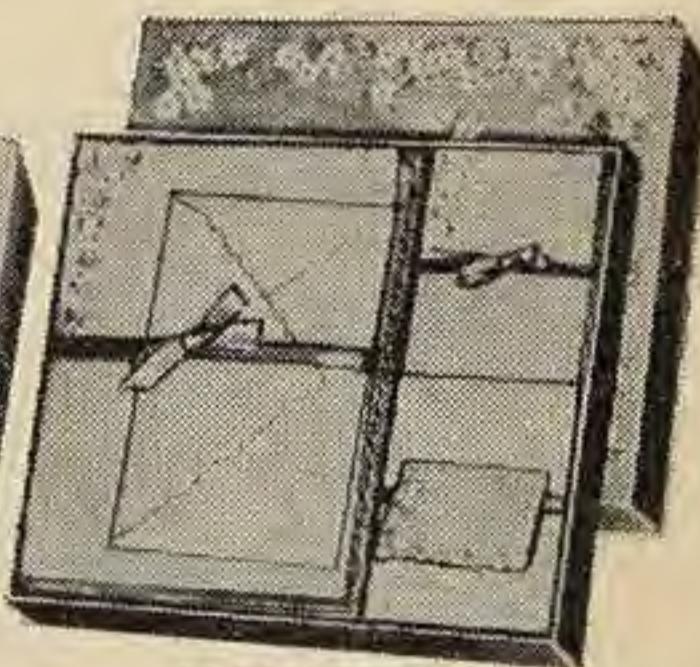
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This is the strange, gripping story of CLARKE P. HENDERSON, WHO HAD DREAMED A DREAM OF GREATNESS--AND HAD ENVISIONED HIS NAME AS SOMEDAY RIVALLING EINSTEIN'S IN THE ANNALS OF SCIENCE! BUT FAILURE CROWNED HIS EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE IMMORTALITY--UNTIL THE INCREDIBLE EVENT THAT EMBLAZONED HIM FOREVER FAR ABOVE ALL OTHERS--AND BROUGHT TO THE WORLD THE STARTLING REALIZATION THAT...

Check A NEW STAR TONIGHT!

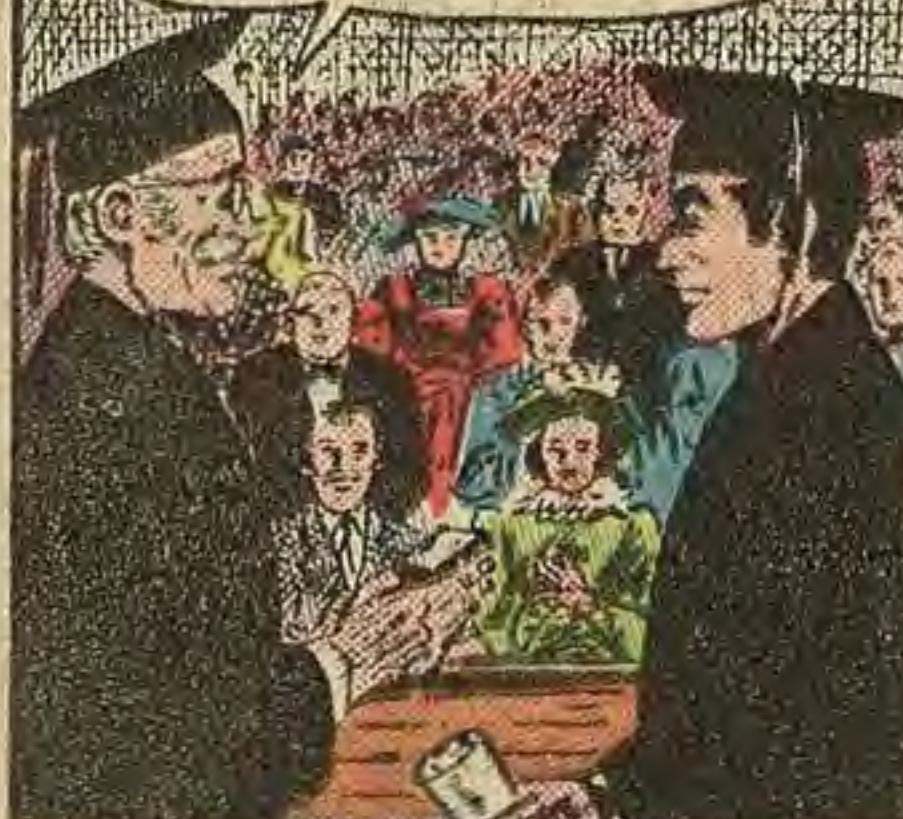
THEY'D EXPECTED WONDERFUL THINGS FROM HIM--EVEN AS FAR BACK AS THE EARLY DAY WHEN HIS FOND PARENTS BOUGHT HIM THAT FIRST PRIMITIVE CHEMISTRY SET...

LOOK AT HIS ABSORPTION--AND THAT SURE HAND! MARK MY WORDS, CLARA--HE'LL BE A GREAT SCIENTIST SOME DAY!



THROUGHOUT HIS SCHOOLDAYS, PROUD TEACHERS ECHOED THESE WORDS! AT HIS COLLEGE GRADUATION...

--AND FOR AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE THAT FORETELL A GREAT FUTURE, I AM HAPPY TO AWARD THIS SPECIAL MEDAL TO CLARKE P. HENDERSON!



OH, HE WAS GOING TO SET THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD ON FIRE, ALL RIGHT--THERE WASN'T ANY DOUBT OF THAT! AND HE WASN'T GOING TO JEOPARDIZE HIS CAREER BY ACCEPTING JUST ANY JOB...

I MIGHT CONSIDER THE POST OF RESEARCH SCIENTIST! BUT MY RECORD AND POTENTIALITIES WOULD ENTITLE ME TO MY OWN LABORATORY--AND A FULL CORPS OF ASSISTANTS!



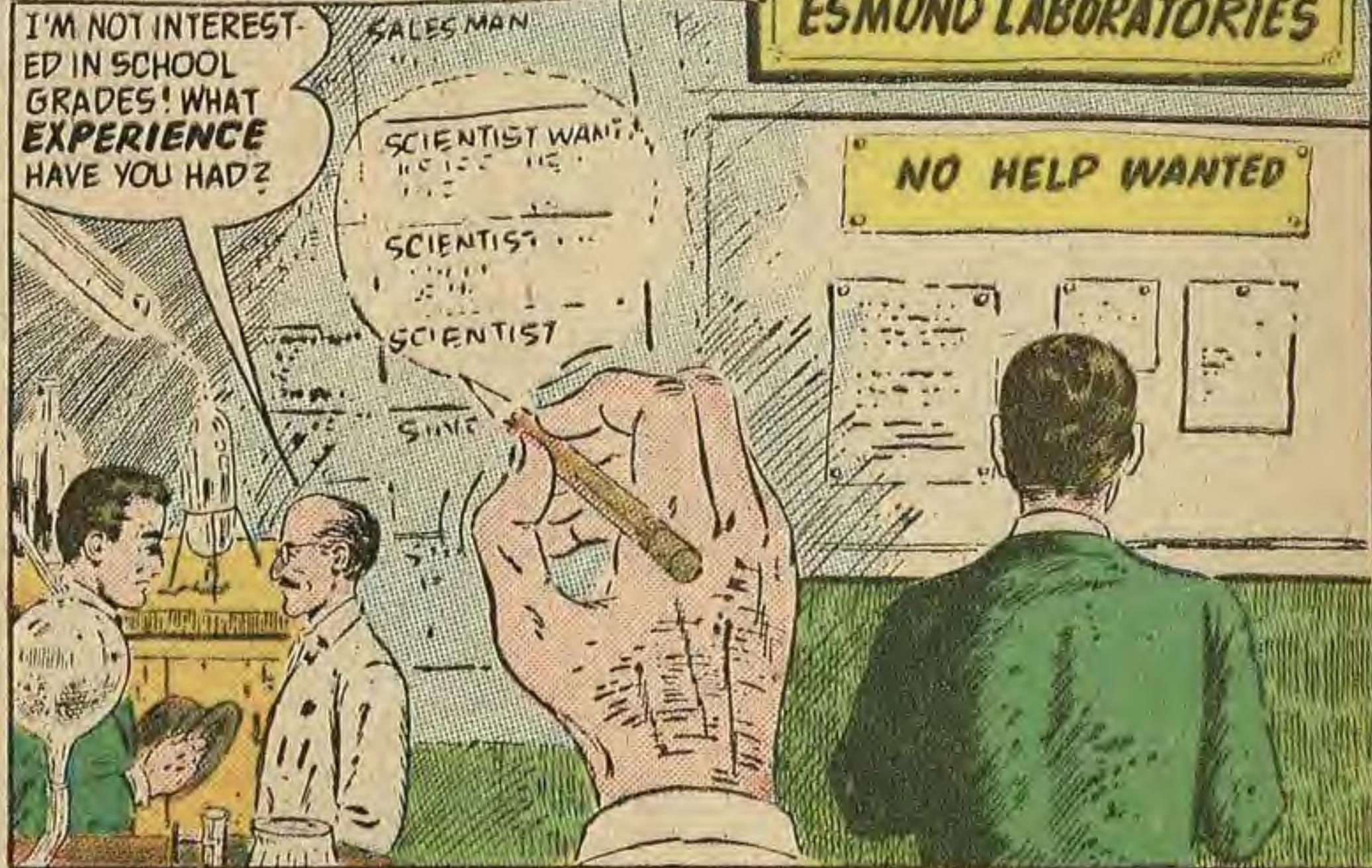
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

YOU WON'T NEED TO DO US ANY FAVORS! YOU COLLEGE HOT-SHOTS COME A DIME A DOZEN ...UNTIL YOU PROVE YOURSELVES! IF YOU WANT A JOB AS A LAB ASSISTANT, WE MIGHT CONSIDER YOU...OTHERWISE, PLEASE, STOP WASTING MY TIME!

HE COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT SUCH A THING WAS HAPPENING TO HIM--BUT IT WAS! SOMEHOW...THE WORLD WASN'T AWAITING HIM WITH OPEN ARMS!

ESMOND LABORATORIES

NO HELP WANTED



AND SO, INSTEAD OF THE TRIUMPHS OF WHICH HE HAD DREAMED...

...THERE WAS THE AGONY OF BITTER DEFEAT... THE FRUSTRATION OF MINOR POSTS...

THUS THE BITTER YEARS PASSED...AND HE NEVER ROSE ABOVE MEDIOCRITY! SMALL WONDER THAT HE BECAME warped BY FAILURE...



ONLY THREE TESTS YOU'VE RUN TODAY
---AND YOU'RE BEHIND ON YOUR WEEK'S QUOTA AGAIN! I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER WHETHER YOU'RE UP TO THIS JOB,
HENDERSON!



THAT POST CONGRATULATIONS, SHOULD HAVE BEEN PARKER! THEY COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER MAN AS THE NEW BE A STAR LAB DIRECTOR! IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIRMANENT--IF ONLY THE WHOLE WORLD WEREN'T AGAINST ME!

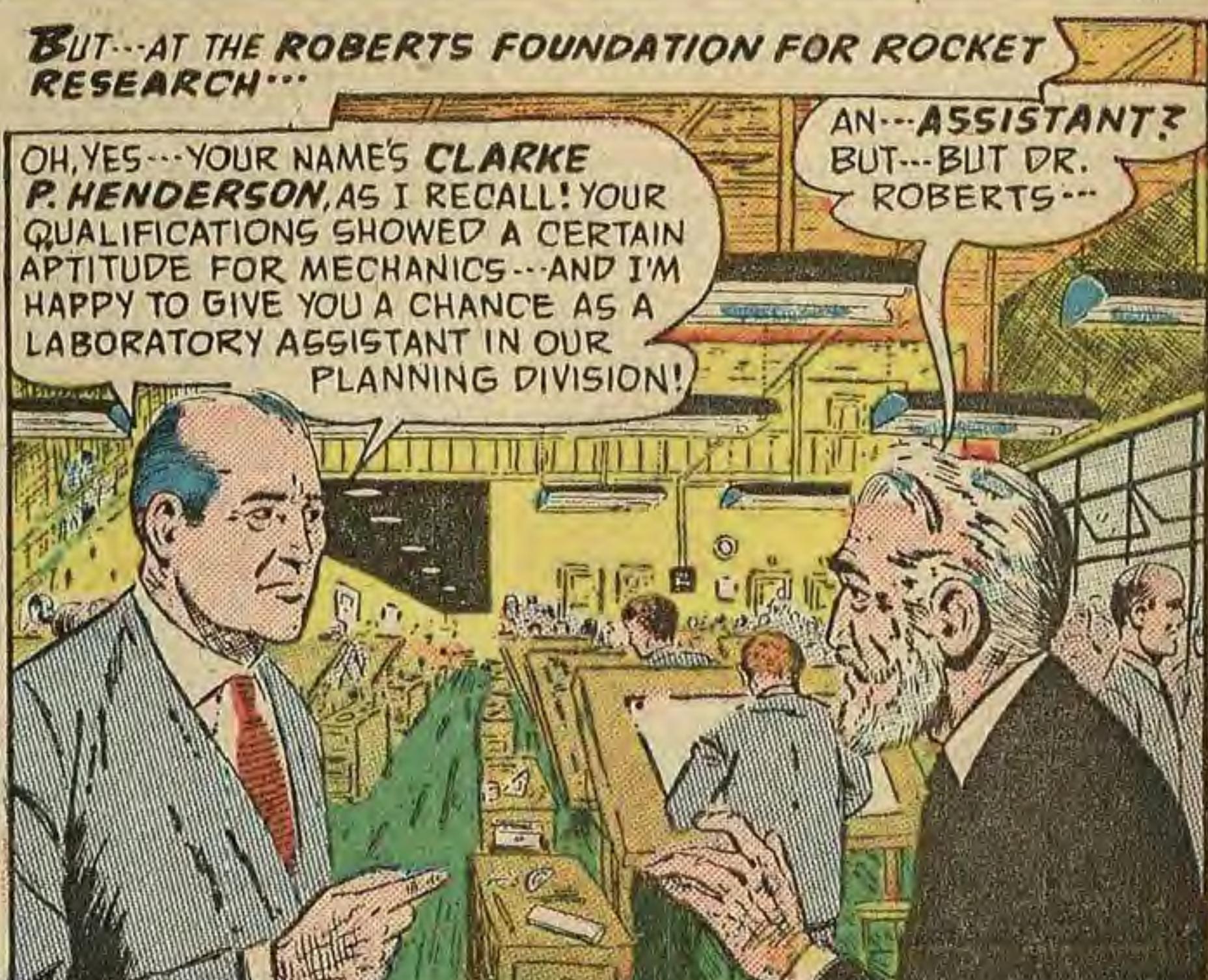
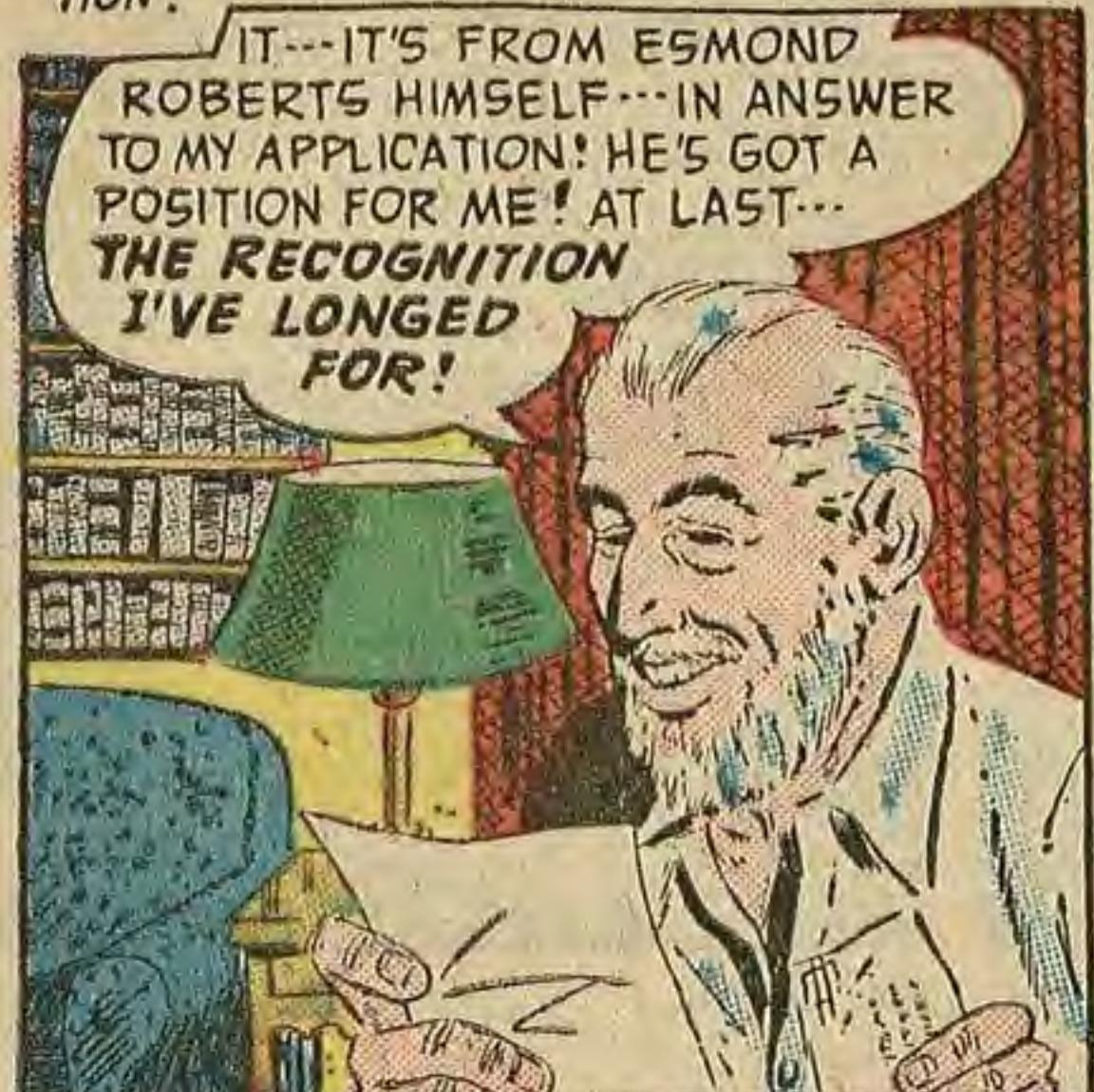
They say the law of averages finally evens things up...and that's exactly what Clarke Henderson thought when, at long last, he received that hoped-for letter from the Roberts Foundation!

IT---IT'S FROM ESMOND ROBERTS HIMSELF---IN ANSWER TO MY APPLICATION! HE'S GOT A POSITION FOR ME! AT LAST...
THE RECOGNITION I'VE LONGED FOR!

BUT---AT THE ROBERTS FOUNDATION FOR ROCKET RESEARCH...

OH, YES---YOUR NAME'S CLARKE P. HENDERSON, AS I RECALL! YOUR QUALIFICATIONS SHOWED A CERTAIN APTITUDE FOR MECHANICS---AND I'M HAPPY TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE AS A LABORATORY ASSISTANT IN OUR PLANNING DIVISION!

AN---ASSISTANT?
BUT---BUT DR.
ROBERTS---



ANOTHER ROUTINE JOB TO ADD TO THE FIRES OF JEALOUSY AND DISAPPOINTMENT! HENDERSON'S WORK WAS CONFINED TO JUST A RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE PLANS FOR THE NEW ROBERTS SPACE ROCKET ... BUT HE FELT THAT HIS WAS THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION.

THIS ROCKET IS GOING TO BE THE FIRST TO PENETRATE OUTER SPACE SUCCESSFULLY---BUT WILL I GET THE CREDIT THAT'S DUE ME? HOW CAN I---WHEN NOBODY'S EVER HEARD OF ME!

ACTUALLY, HE DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CONCEPT OF THE OVERALL PLANS OR OPERATION DETAILS ... BUT HE COULDN'T HELP PICKING UP CERTAIN INTERESTING INFORMATION.

AS YOU KNOW, GENERAL, THE ROCKET IS AUTOMATICALLY TIMED TO RETURN SAFELY TO EARTH AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF FLIGHT IN SPACE!

YES---AND I'M HOPING THAT THE DUMMY SEATED AT THE AUTOMATIC CONTROLS WORKS OUT EFFECTIVELY...

WHAT'S THIS NONSENSE ABOUT A DUMMY?---SAY! IF---IF I ONLY DARED REMOVE IT SECRETLY---AND SEAL MYSELF WITHIN THE ROCKET! THEN I'D BE AT THE CONTROLS --- THE FIRST MAN TO VENTURE INTO OUTER SPACE!

JUST ONE MAN AMONG THE THOUSANDS WHO WORKED FOR THE GREAT SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION---OLD, WEARY, BEATEN! WHO COULD EVER HAVE GUESSED THE DARING MAGNITUDE OF HIS WILD PLAN?

FROM WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THE ROCKET'S CONSTRUCTION, IT OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN HUMAN LIFE WITHIN IT! BUT I'LL HAVE TO TAKE CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS---AN OXYGEN HELMET, FOR ONE THING! WHAT DANGER COULD THERE BE---WHEN IT'S AUTOMATICALLY TIMED TO RETURN TO EARTH?

DAYS PASSED---WEEKS LENGTHENED INTO MONTHS---AND GRADUALLY, THE GIANT ROBERTS ROCKET TOOK SHAPE!

WELL, HENDERSON, SHE'S FINISHED! AND YOU'VE WORKED HARD---DON'T THINK THAT I DON'T REALIZE THAT THERE'S SOME CREDIT DUE

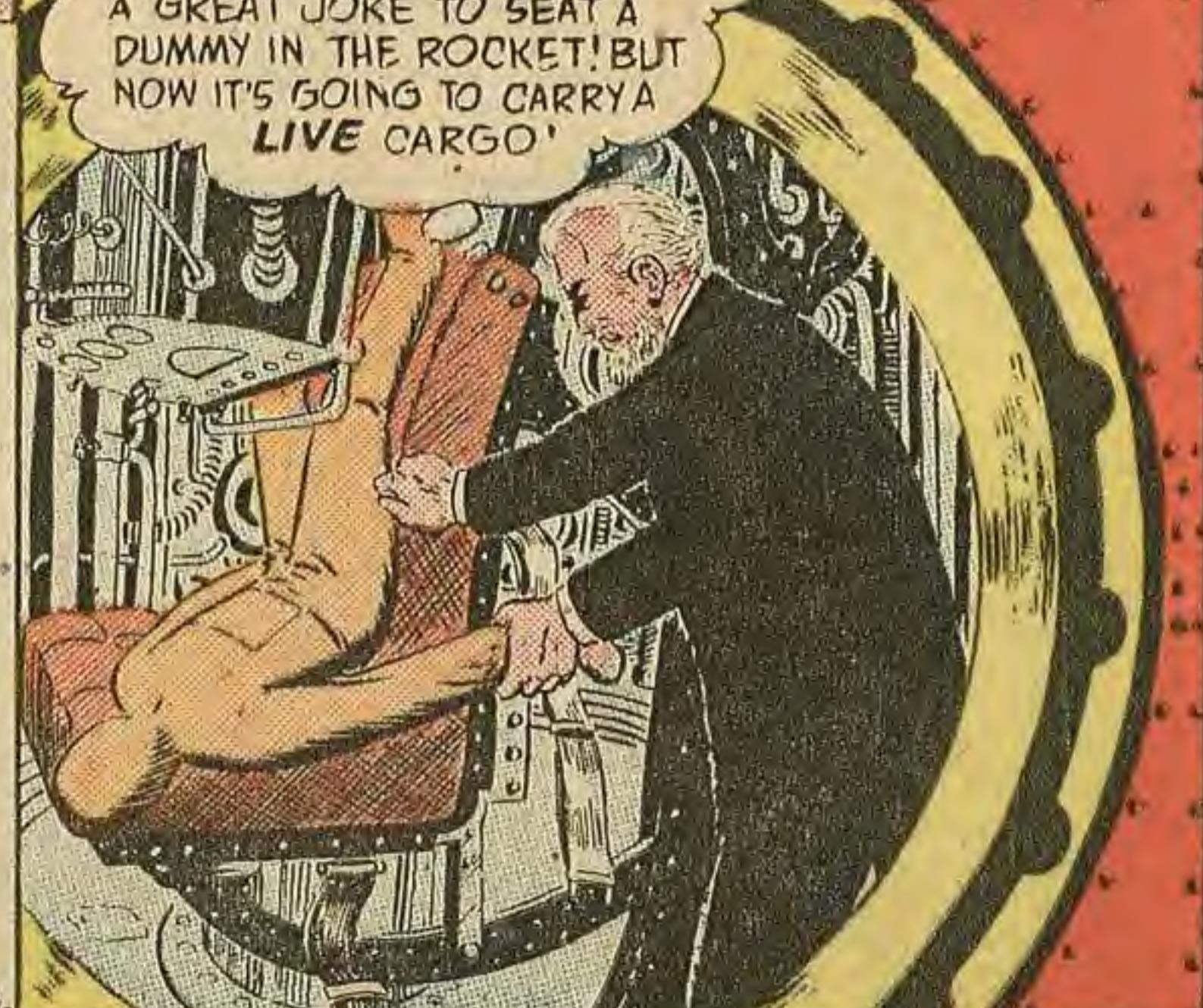
YOU, TOO!

THAT'S A LAUGH! WHEN I RETURN IN THE ROCKET, I'LL HAVE THE FAME I DESERVE AT LAST! THE WORLD WILL LOOK UP TO ME AS A STAR IN MY OWN RIGHT, RATHER THAN ROBERTS!

The BIG PROJECTILE WAS TIMED TO BE DISCHARGED AT TEN THE FOLLOWING MORNING! THAT NIGHT---WHEN ALL WAS STILL---

THE GUARDS ARE POSTED AROUND THE EXTERIOR OF THE GROUNDS! NOBODY EVER EXPECTED AN INSIDE JOB!

THE STUPIDITY OF THAT FOOL ROBERTS---THINKING IT SUCH A GREAT JOKE TO SEAT A DUMMY IN THE ROCKET! BUT NOW IT'S GOING TO CARRY A LIVE CARGO!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT...NEARBY...

MAYBE IT'S LUCKY THAT ANTICIPATION OF
TOMORROW WOULDN'T LET ME SLEEP...
BECAUSE I COULD SWEAR I HEARD
A NOISE FROM THE ROCKET
EMPLACEMENT!

HENDERSON!
WHAT DOES THIS
MEAN?

YOU, EH? YOU'LL
NEVER STOP ME
NOW!

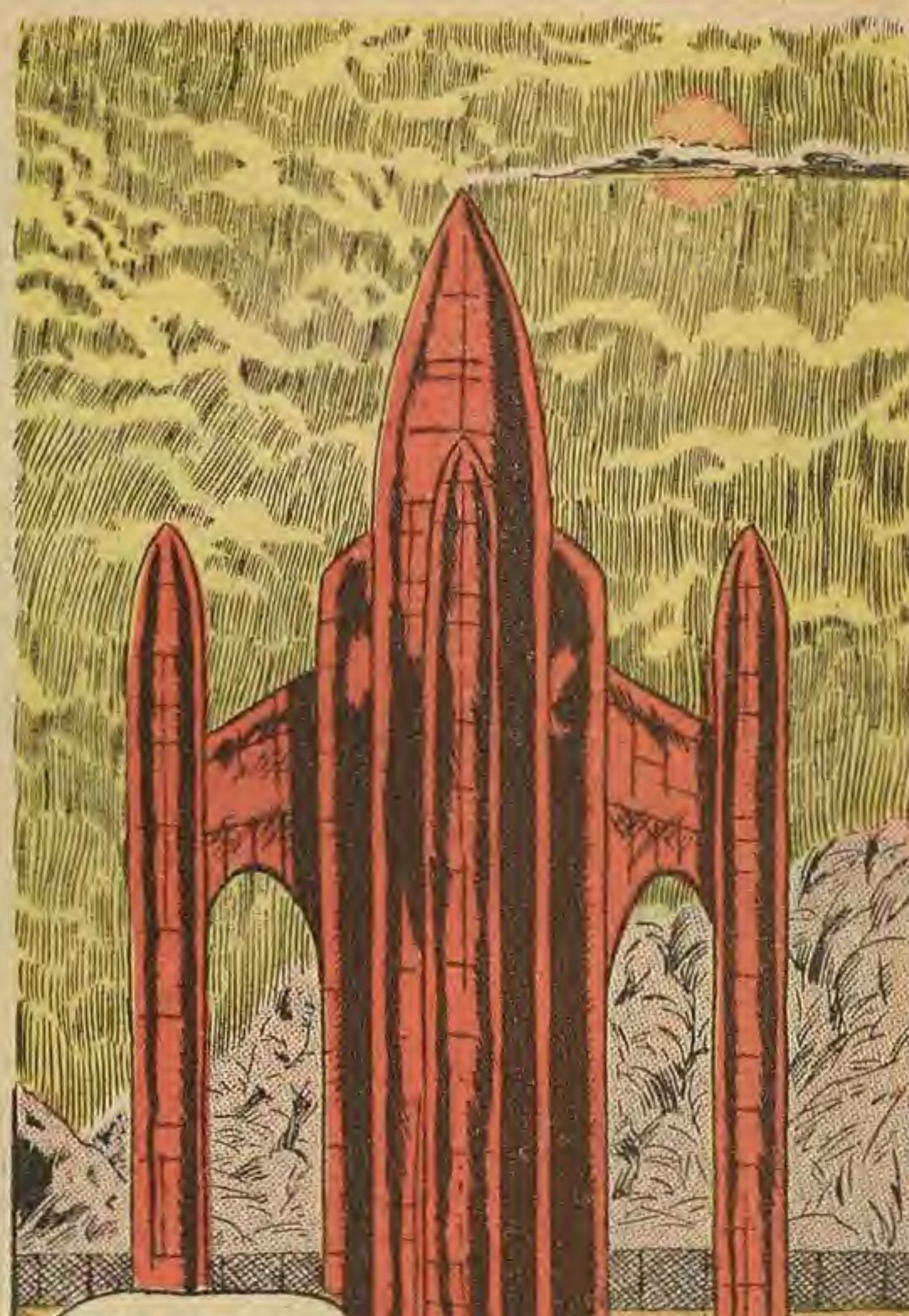


STOP! YOU'RE CRAZY
...YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE DOING...

OH, DON'T I? I'M GOING
TO BE IN THAT ROCKET
WHEN IT TAKES OFF.
ROBERTS...AND I'LL
BE FAMOUS!



I'LL LOCK HIM IN THIS
CLOSET! THAT WAY I CAN
MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T
SPOIL THINGS FOR ME!



SHE'S SET TO
GO OFF WITHIN
A MATTER OF
MINUTES...WITH DR.
ROBERTS NOWHERE
TO BE FOUND! I
DON'T GET IT!

IF YOU ASK
ME, HE'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED BY
SPIES!

AND SO THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD FOIL OLD CLARKE
HENDERSON'S DARING SCHEME WAS A PRISONER, UN-
CONSCIOUS AND HELPLESS! NEXT MORNING -- AS
TAKEOFF TIME APPROACHED--

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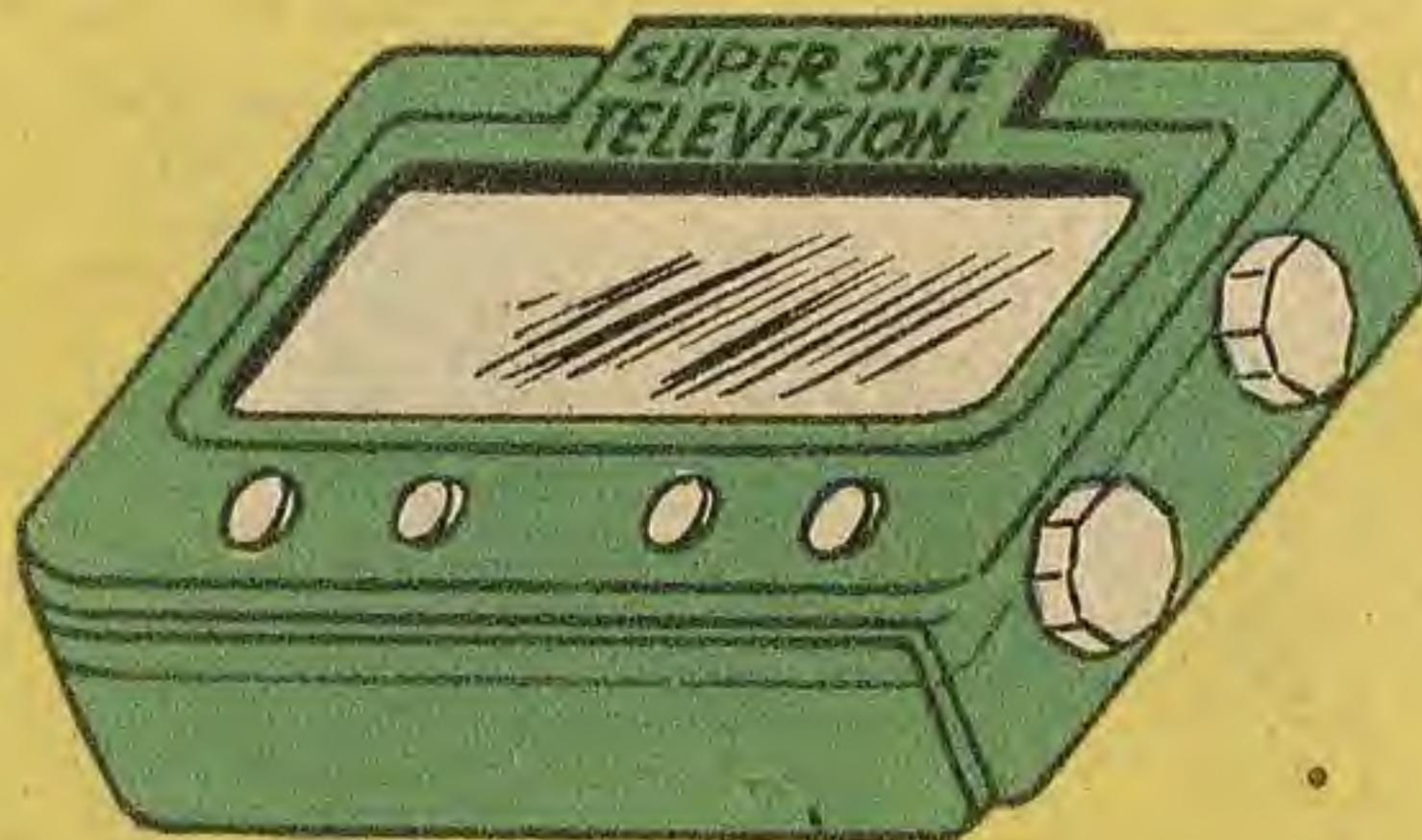
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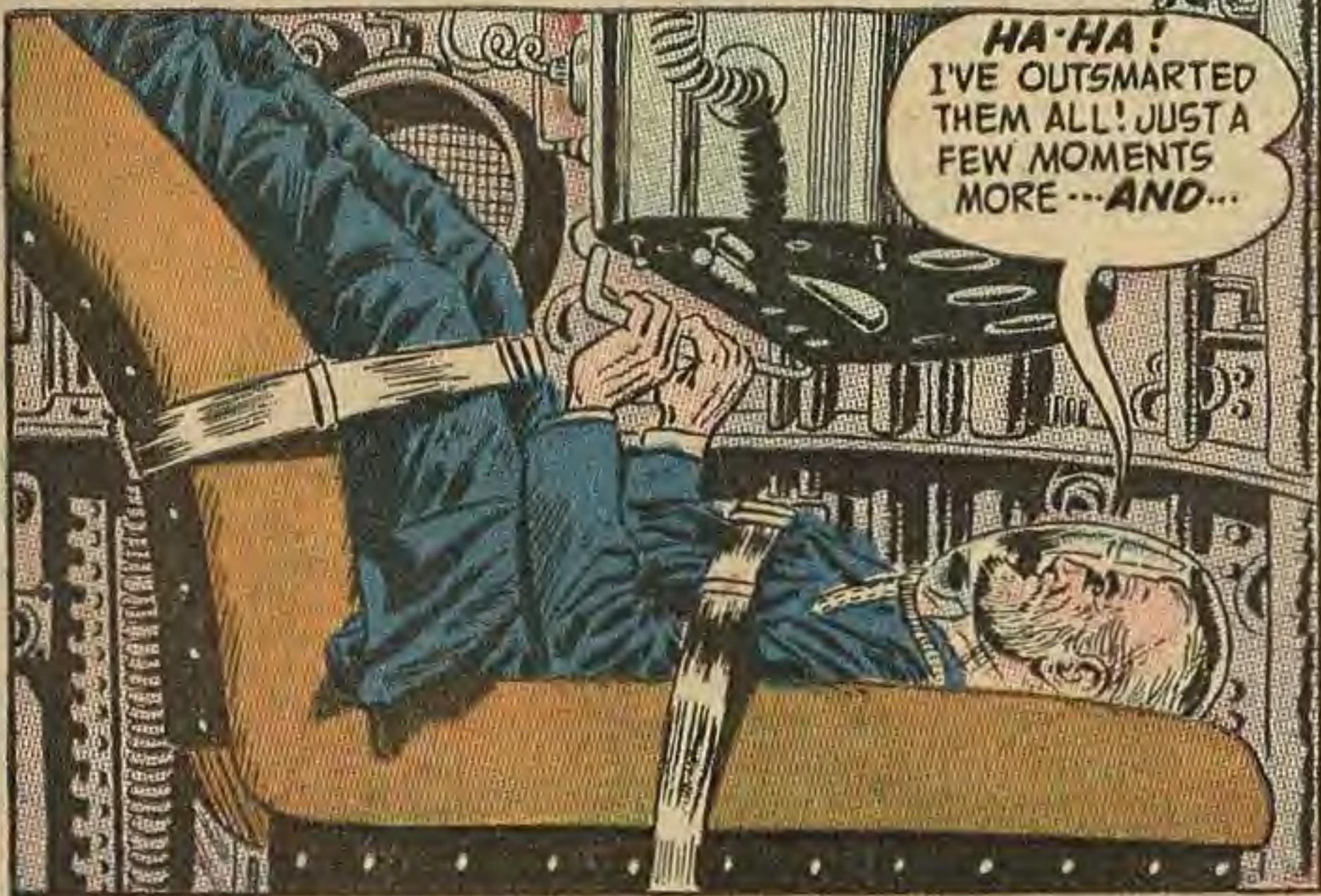
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IT WAS A BAFFLING MYSTERY! BUT NOBODY WORRIED ABOUT CLARKE HENDERSON'S ABSENCE...HE WAS TOO UNIMPORTANT TO MISS! BUT EVEN THEN...HIDDEN IN THE DEPTHS OF THE GREAT ROCKET...



WHILE NEARBY, A PRISONER WORKED FEVERISHLY AGAINST TIME, STRIVING TO ESCAPE FROM HIS BONDS!



OUTSIDE--THE ZERO HOUR! THERE WAS A ROAR AS OF A THOUSAND TORNADOES--A FIERY, BLINDING BLAST--AS THE ROCKET HURTLED UPWARD!



AND--TOO LATE BY BUT A SINGLE MOMENT--



AND UP, UP INTO SPACE ROARED THE GREAT ROCKET, EARTH LEFT BEHIND IN THE WAKE OF ITS SHATTERING SPEED! DESTINATION... OUTER SPACE!

IT'S... UNBELIEVABLE! CLARKE HENDERSON... THE FIRST MAN IN ALL HUMAN HISTORY TO SEE SCENES LIKE THIS! AH, THEY'LL LISTEN TO ME NOW!



THEY'LL HANG ON MY EVERY WORD... I'LL BE THE SCIENTIFIC STAR I ALWAYS DESERVED TO BE! WAIT TILL THEY HEAR... WHAT I'LL HAVE TO TELL THEM...

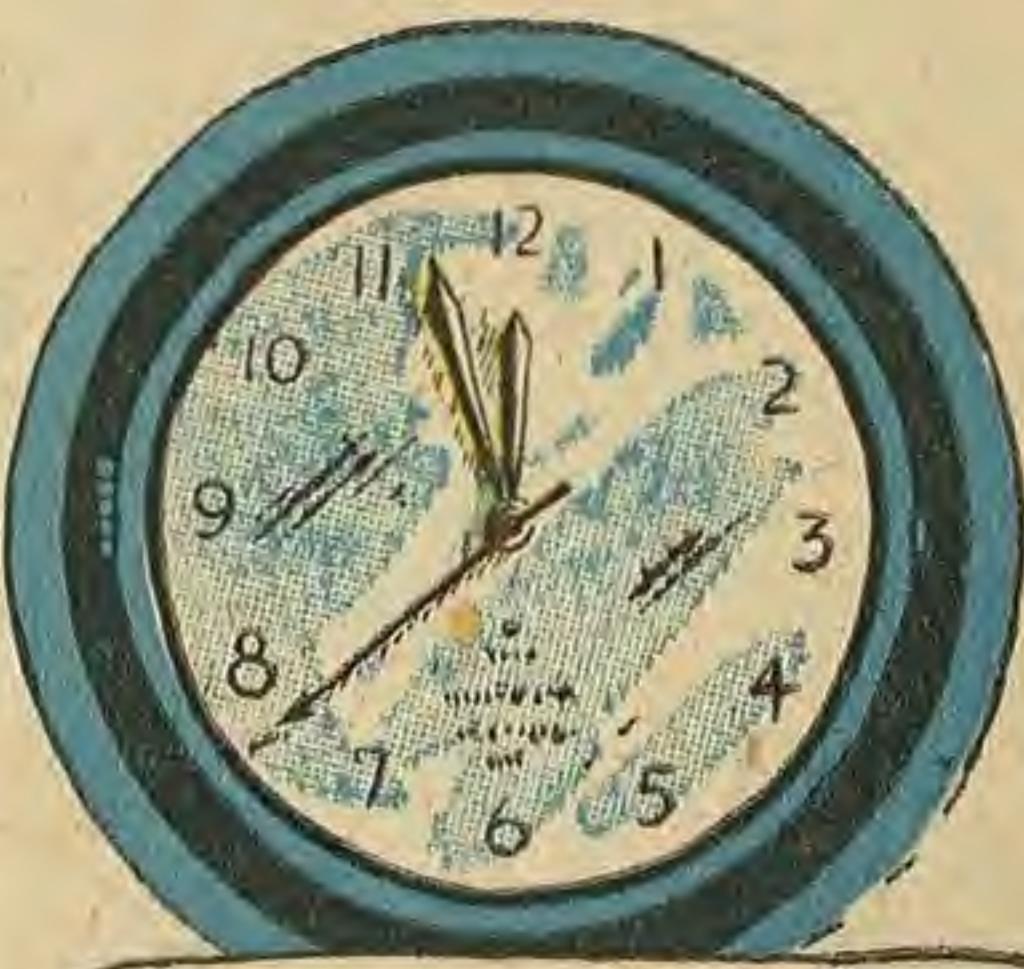


BUT FAR BELOW, GRIMMER WORDS WERE BEING SPOKEN...

IT'S... APPALLING! SURE, HENDERSON KNEW SOME-
THING ABOUT THE ROCKET... MAYBE EVEN A GOOD DEAL...
BUT THERE WAS ONE THING THAT WAS TOP SECRET, AND
THAT HE COULDN'T KNOW! IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN
AUTOMATICALLY... AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN
THE ROCKET REACHES ITS LIMIT IN DISTANCE AND
TURNS FOR THE HOMeward FLIGHT!



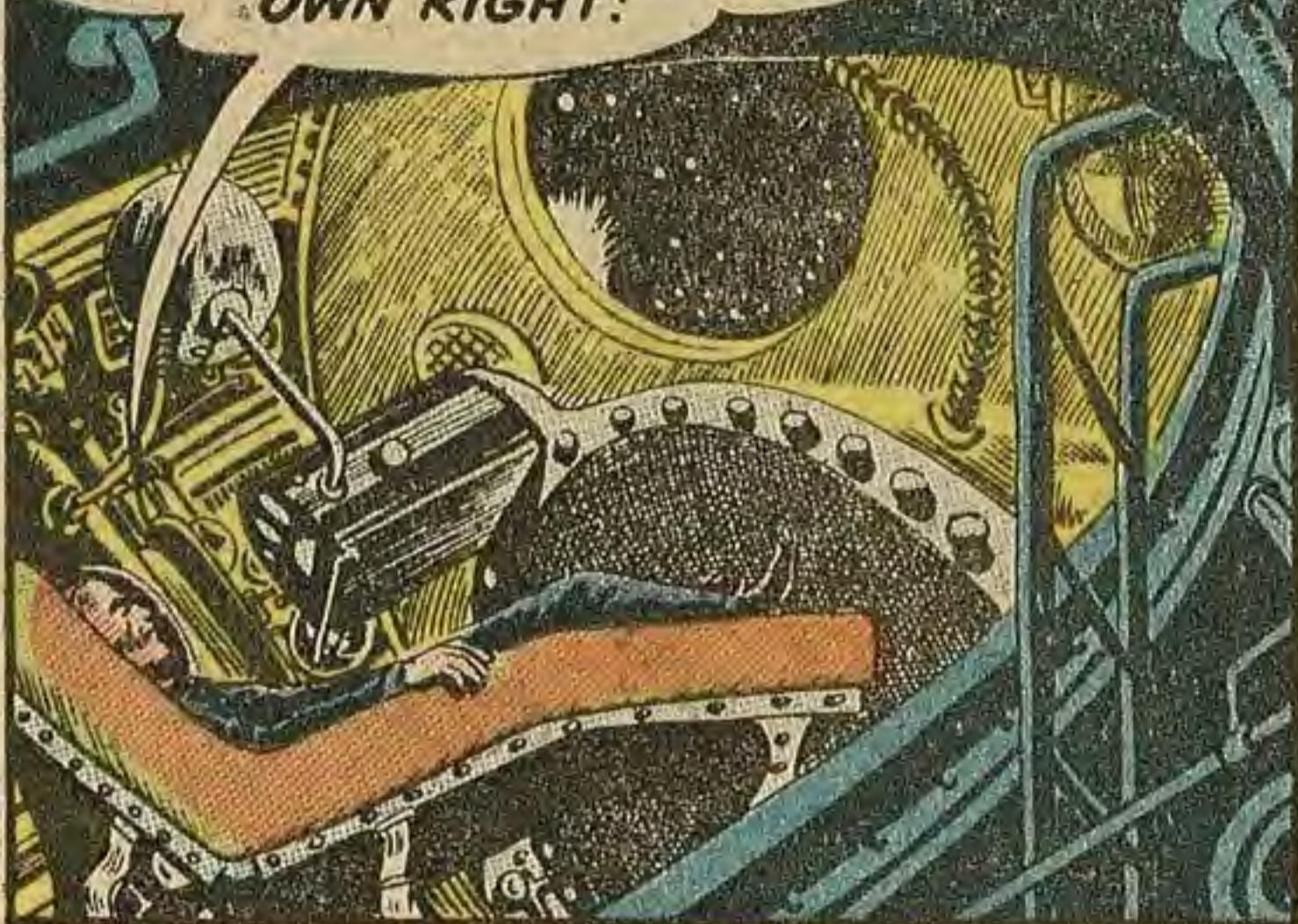
IT'S SET FOR TWELVE O'CLOCK...
IN THREE MINUTES! AND HE DOESN'T
KNOW... HE DOESN'T KNOW!



AND AS THE FATEFUL MOMENTS TICKED ONWARD...

IT'LL BE MR. HENDERSON NOW---MAYBE EVEN DR. HENDERSON! THEY'LL KNOW I'M A SOMEBODY NOW! THEY'LL GIVE ME MY RIGHTFUL RECOGNITION AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...AS A STAR IN MY OWN RIGHT!

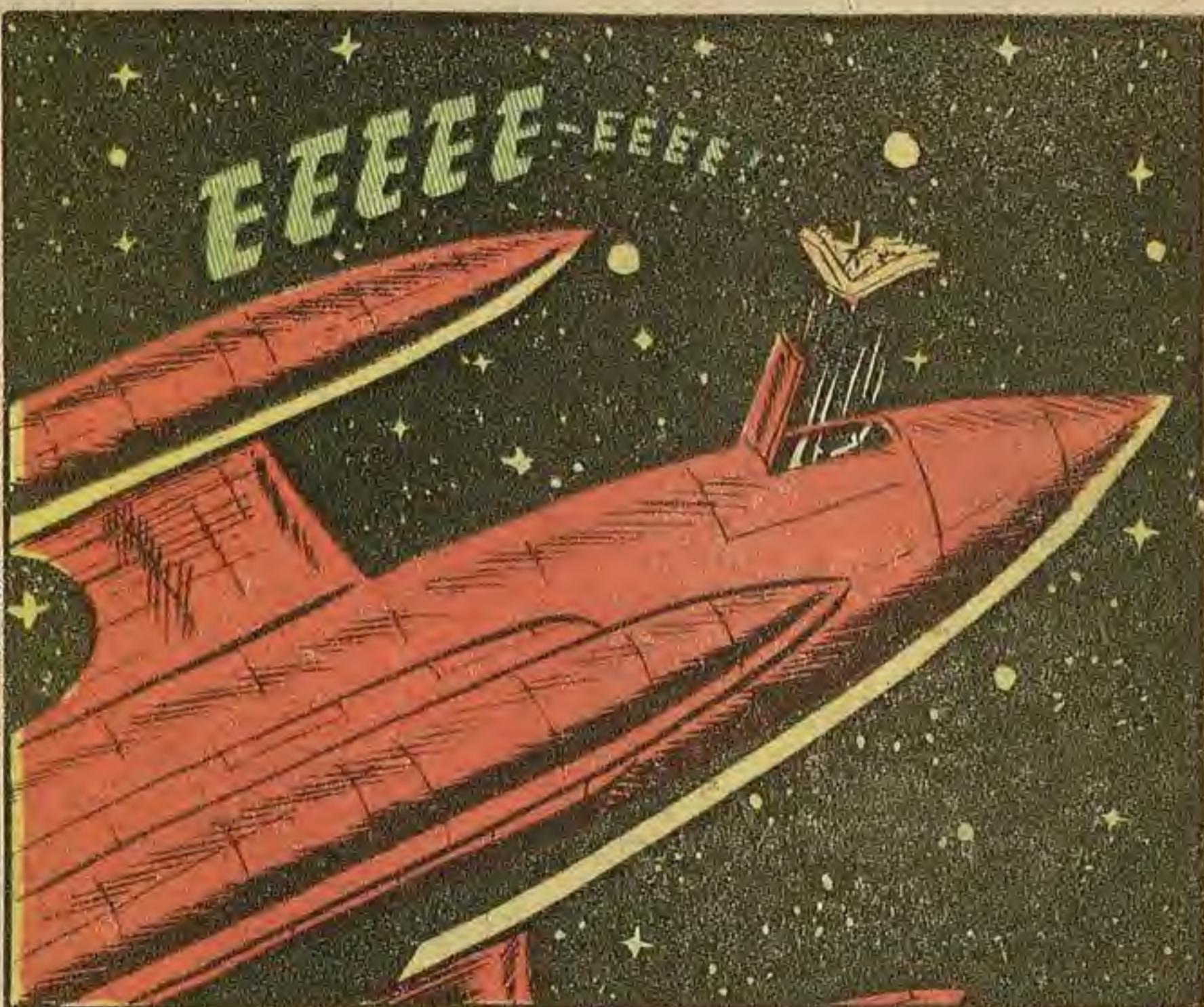
WHEN I RETURN---I CAN HARDLY WAIT! ---MATTER OF FACT, IT SHOULD BE ABOUT NOW THAT THE ROCKET'S DUE TO REACH THE LIMIT OF ITS FLIGHT INTO SPACE!



Then, SUDDENLY---ASTOUNDINGLY---

WHAT...

BLAM!

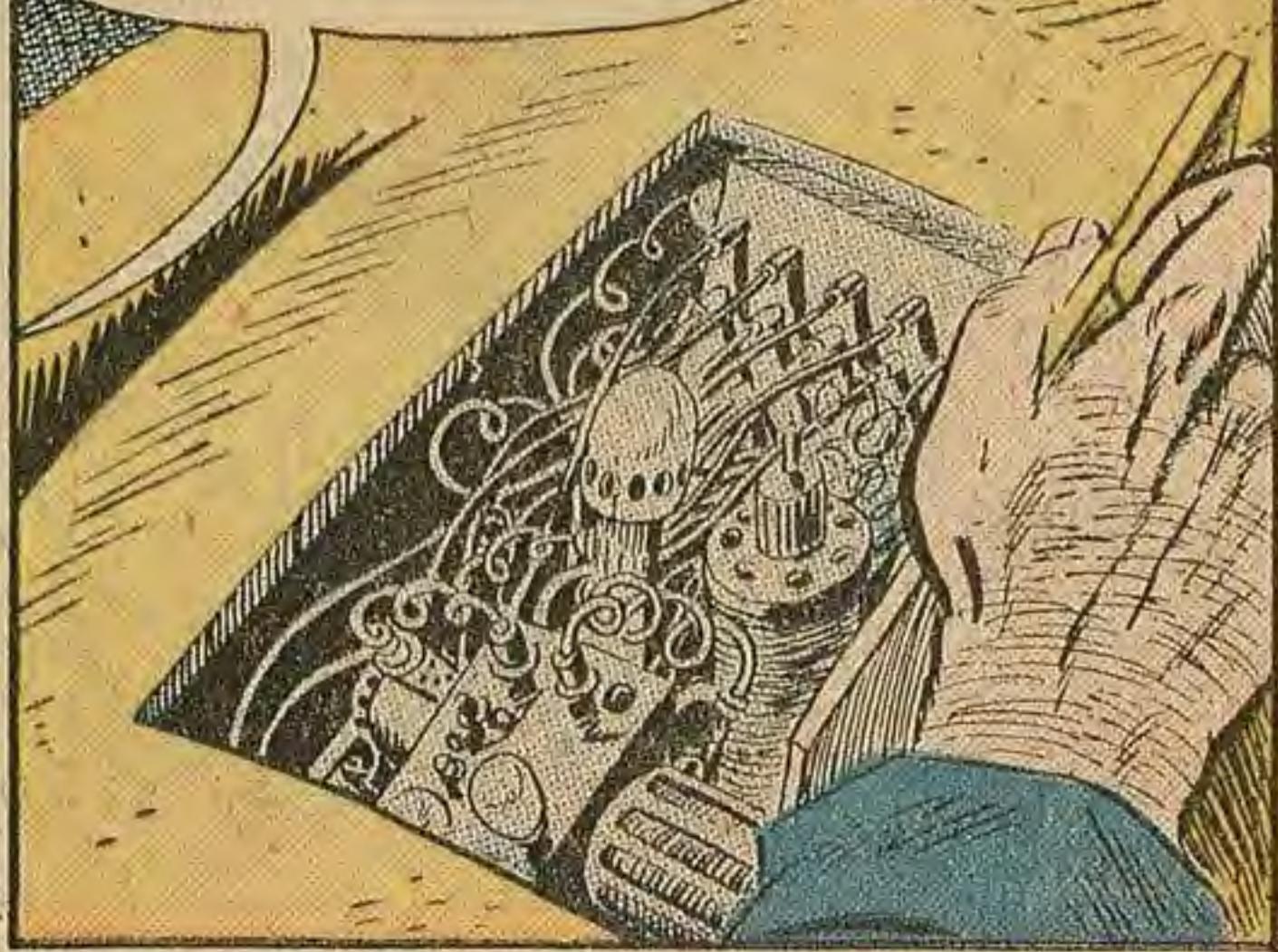


I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DR. ROBERTS! JUST WHAT IS IT THAT HENDERSON DIDN'T KNOW?

THAT THE CHIEF PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT WAS TO TEST RADIO-ACTIVITY IN OUTER SPACE OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS...AND IT WAS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT THE DUMMY WAS THE PRINCIPAL, ALL-IMPORTANT OCCUPANT OF THE ROCKET!

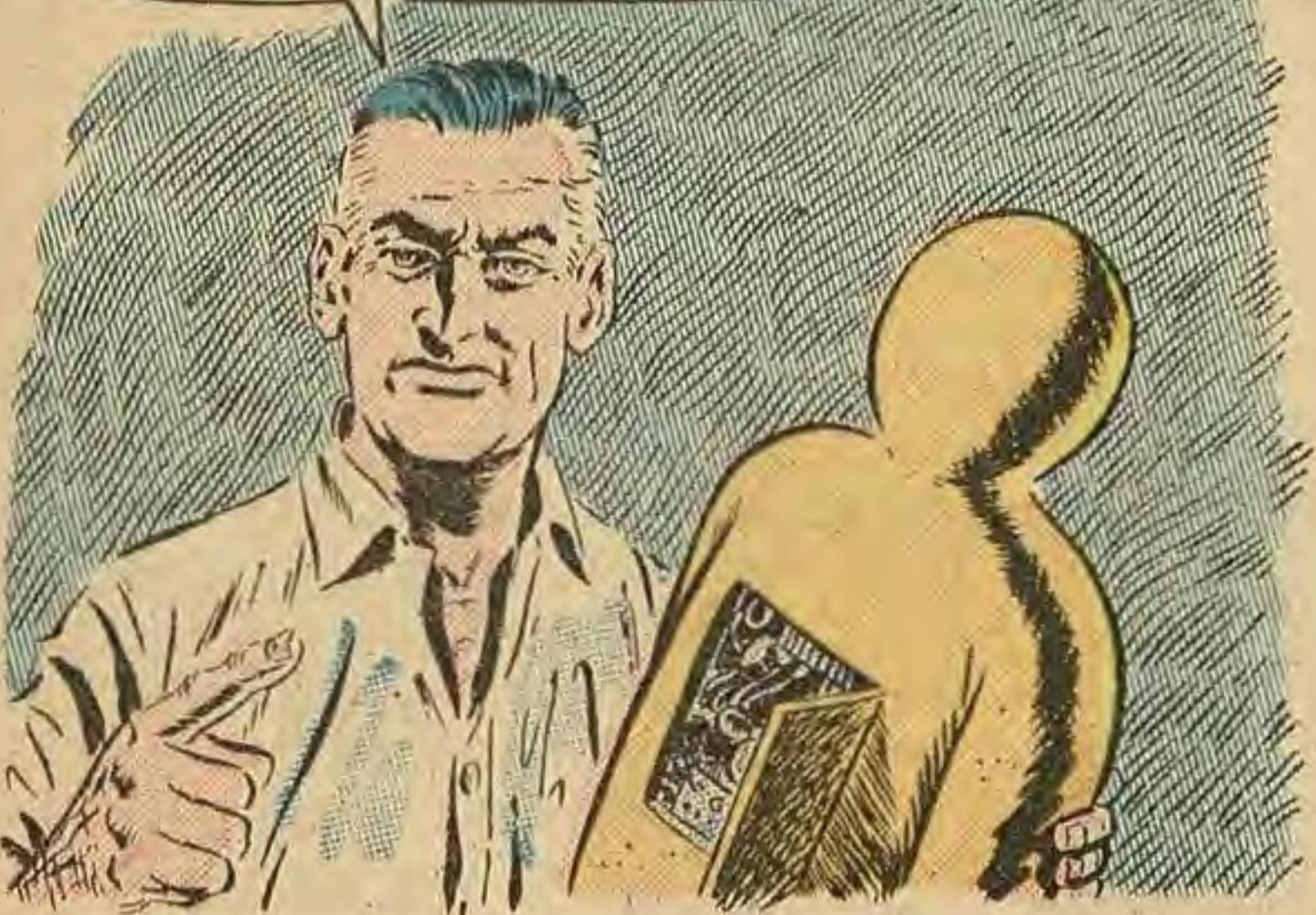


THE IDEA WAS THAT THE DUMMY WOULD BE EJECTED AUTOMATICALLY INTO SPACE AS SOON AS THE ROCKET REACHED ITS OUTER LIMIT! **INTO SPACE** ---WHERE THE GRAVITATIONAL FORCE OF THE SPHERES WOULD FORCE IT INTO AN ORBIT **AROUND WHICH IT WOULD WHIRL FOR ETERNITY!**



--AND MEANWHILE, ITS RADIO APPARATUS
WOULD BE SENDING OUT IMPULSES TO BE
REGISTERED ON THE LABORATORY'S
SPECIALY-DEvised DETECTION DEVICES
FAR BELOW! OH, LORD, GENTLEMEN, DO YOU
---DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR ASTRONOMERS TO FIND THE
ANSWER! YES, TODAY THERE'S A NEW STAR IN THE
HEAVENS...



AND AS HE WHIRLS HIS ETERNAL
PATH THROUGH OUTER SPACE, WHO
CAN SAY THAT CLARKE P. HENDERSON
HAD NOT ACHIEVED HIS LIFETIME
WISH--TO BECOME A STAR IN
HIS OWN RIGHT?



The END!

The IMAGINATION ^{that} KID has!

"JOHNNY, that's the last straw!" said Mrs. Hoffman. "I'm tired of those tall stories of yours! You know very well that you didn't see any ghost at the old Hoskins house! Just one more lie like that, and I promise that you'll suffer for it! No arguments, please—I want you to take this pattern over to Mrs. Doran!"

And so Johnny took the pattern and left for the Doran place, which was two farms distant from that of his family. It was an hour's walk each way at a regular pace, but that was never the way Johnny walked. There were too many things to investigate, explore and clothe in the wondrous and magical fabric of his rich imagination. So any walk became a thing of continual expeditions and asides. Particularly this night, when he was in no hurry to get back home. He was too indignant because of the scolding he had received. His errand accomplished, he turned homeward reluctantly, with lagging footsteps. "Ya'd think they'd believe me sometimes," he soliloquized bitterly. "Gosh, that thing I saw at the Hoskins house coulda been a ghost! It scared me, didn't it? How do I know it was just old curtains flappin'? The way it came towards me, anybody'd swear it was some kinda haunt!" He went on in this fashion until he discovered that he had wasted far more time than usual, and the blackness of night had already fallen. There'd be more trouble if he got home late—he'd better take that short cut across the lonely Blake pasture.

It was as he scaled the ruins of an old stone wall that Johnny first became aware of the fact that things weren't quite normal. That distant sighing in the air—he was hardly aware of it at first—until it gained in intensity, becoming a quivering roar. Instinctively he ducked, with the Kansas farmboy's knowledge of the quick "twisters," the terrible wind storms that occasionally struck. He was conscious of a monstrous black shape roaring past him. Whatever it was, it came to a skidding stop a few hundred feet away. Curiosity got the better of fear, and with pounding heart, he crept closer, closer, finally taking refuge in a patch of bushes near the oddly-streamlined, bullet-shaped object.

It was about a hundred feet long, dark

and silent—no, suddenly that had changed! A flood of light burst from it as a hatchway in its side opened, and there came a babble of voices. Men were coming out of it—ordinary, everyday men just like you'd expect to see anywhere. And they spoke just as good English as you and I. It was what they said that brought Johnny's heart into his mouth and clove his tongue to his palate. "Remember," said the big man who seemed to be their leader, "we need have no fear regarding our speech, because our telepathic rendering makes it identical with that of the earthlings! And they won't be able to distinguish us from themselves by our appearance—have not our scientists labored mightily to make us over in *their* image? Only the small, glowing plates imbedded in our skulls can identify us—but they won't know to look for them! We'll mingle with the populace, spy out the strong points—and seize them after we blow up the seat of their national government! During the turmoil, our other space ships will land—and we take over!"

That was all Johnny had to hear. On silent, speeding feet, he was running through the blackness, wildly racing for home. There wasn't a second to be lost—he had to spread the alarm, rally America and the entire earth to the awful menace from out of space! Thank heavens his parents were level-headed enough to know what to do in an emergency like this! He was wild-eyed, almost incoherent as he finally staggered into his house.

Finally, he could make himself understood. "Blake pasture," he croaked. "Space ship just came down—from another world! Gonna—take over the earth! Men with funny, shining plates in their skulls—gonna—blow up Washington—"

"That's enough," said Mrs. Hoffman sternly. "I told you I'd make you suffer if you tried telling one more tall story! Go to bed at once—and you'll stay in this house until you admit that all this was a lie!"

Stricken, horrified, Johnny backed away. They didn't believe him—*nobody* would believe him, with *his* reputation! And as he mounted the stairs on leaden feet, the last thing he heard was his mother, saying, "The *imagination* that kid has!"

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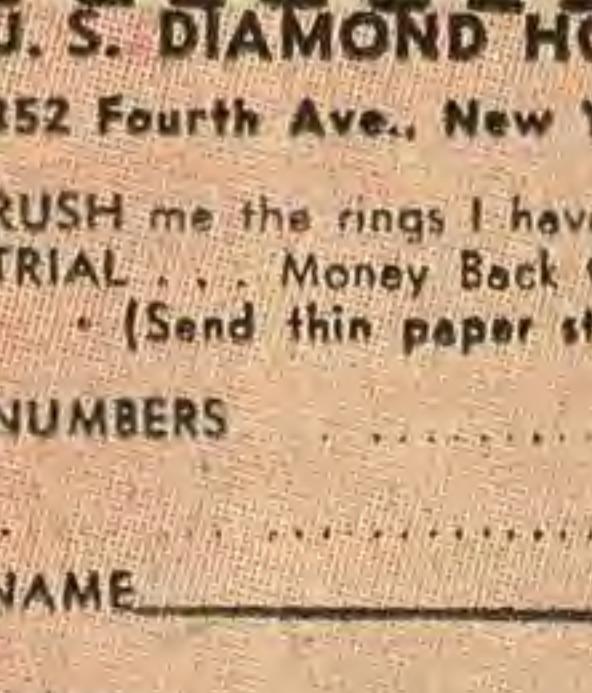
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The FACE behind the ICE!

WHY DO I ALWAYS
SEE... HIS FACE BE-
FORE ME? I'VE GOT
TO GET AWAY FROM
IT... AWAY!

I'LL BE GLAD TO PULL OUT OF
HERE WITH BOOTH, AFTER A
WHOLE WINTER DIGGING IN
THAT CAVE! BUT WE SURE
MADE A STRIKE! PLENTY
FOR ME, WITH NO DEPEN-
DENTS--AND FOR HIM,
WITH ONLY THAT DAUGHTER
BACK IN THE STATES!

BOOTH'S IN THE CAVE GETTING OUT
THE LAST OF THE GOLD! I BETTER
WARN HIM TO CLEAR OUT FAST
--I DON'T LIKE THE NOISE THAT
SNOW UP ON THE MOUNTAIN'S
MAKING! SEEMS LIKE IT'S
FIXING TO SLIDE!



WHAT THE...IT'S THAT HALF-TAMED FOX THAT'S GOTTEN SO ATTACHED TO BOOTH! SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO ATTRACT MY ATTENTION...GREAT SCOTT! THE SLIDE'S STARTED!

RUMBLE!

YIP! YIP!

CRRUNCH!

OH, N-NO!
IT'S AN
avalanche!

THANK... GOSH I WAS HERE WHEN IT HAPPENED! I GOTTA TRY TO DIG HIM OUT--BEFORE THERE'S ANOTHER SLIDE--

RRRR-R-R
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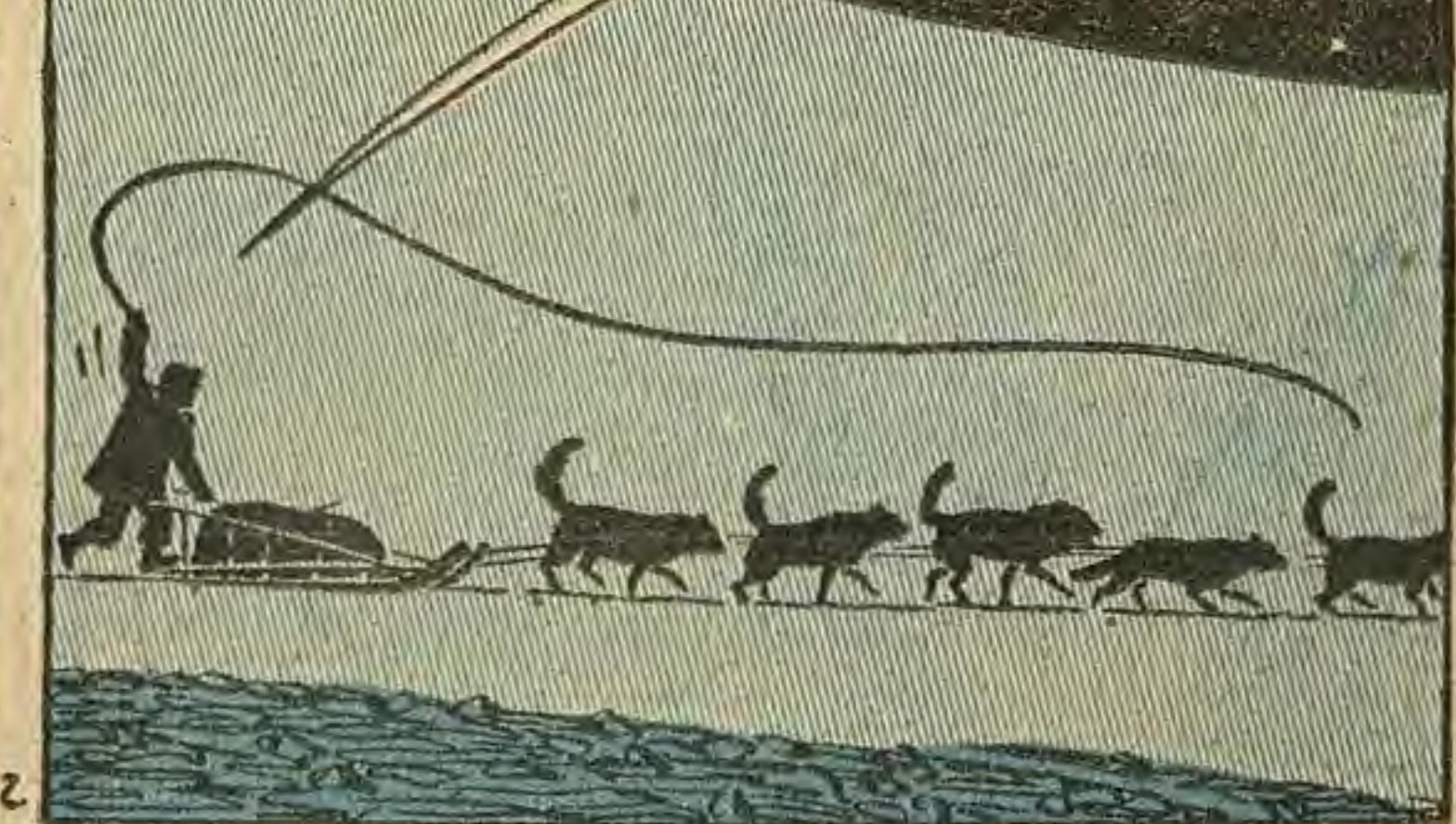
LIKE I
THOUGHT--THERE
SHE COMES AGAIN!
IF I DON'T MOVE
FAST, I'LL BE
TRAPPED--BURIED!

HE JUST MADE IT IN TIME--BUT NOW POOR BOOTH'S CAVE WAS SO BURIED UNDER TONS OF ICE THAT RESCUE WAS IMPOSSIBLE!

SHUT UP, CONFOUND YOU! DON'T LOOK AFTER ME AS IF IT'S MY FAULT! I HADDA GET OUTA HERE TO SAVE MYSELF...THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO FOR HIM!

OWWW!

IT--IT ISN'T AS IF IT WAS HIS GOLD I WANTED! I'M NOT FORGETTING THAT DAUGHTER OF HIS--I'LL SEE THAT SHE GETS WHAT'S COMING TO HER! I OUGHTA REACH THE STEAMSHIP LANDING IN TWO DAYS--

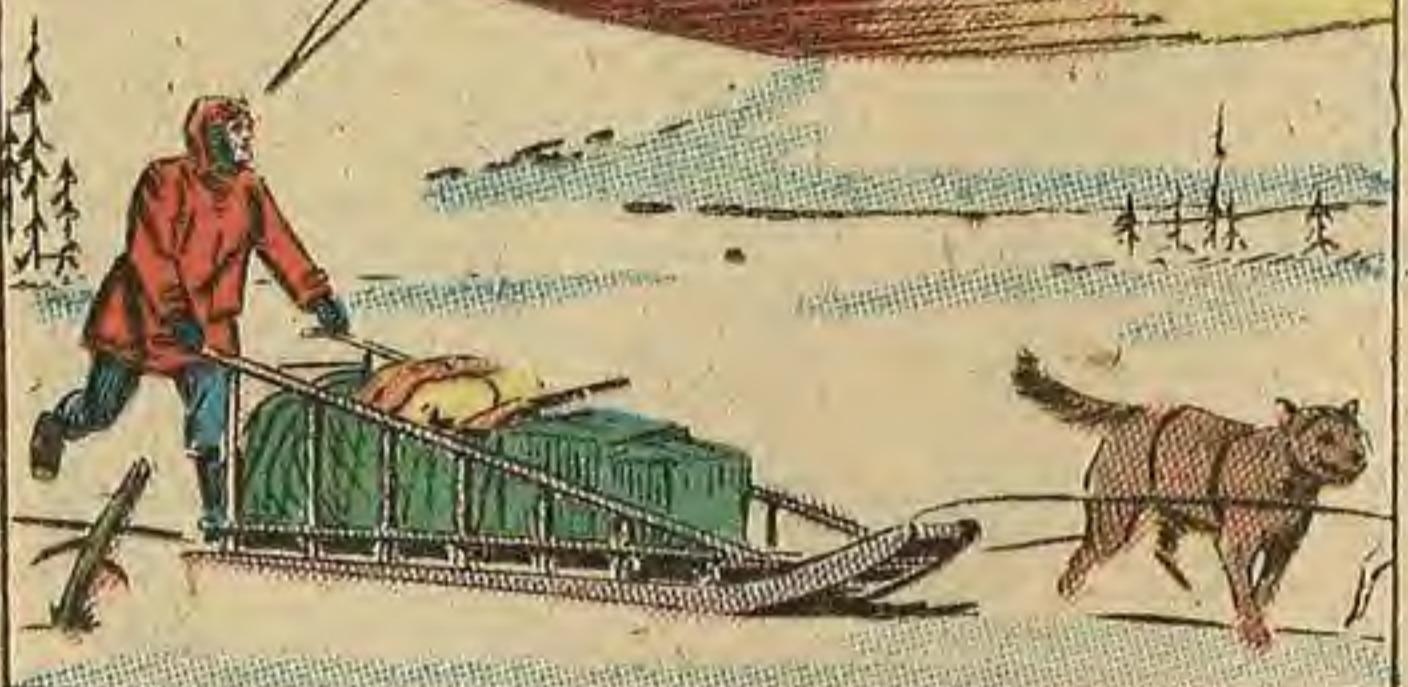


SLOWLY, THE NORTHERN LIGHTS GREW DIM--AND A RED DAWN FLAMED OVER THE SNOW! A BRILLIANT SUN ROSE BLINDLY REFLECTING FROM THE ICY CRUST . . .

SOON THE SNOW AND THE SUNLIGHT SEEMED TO MERGE--SEARING HIS EYES IN A FIERY FLASH!

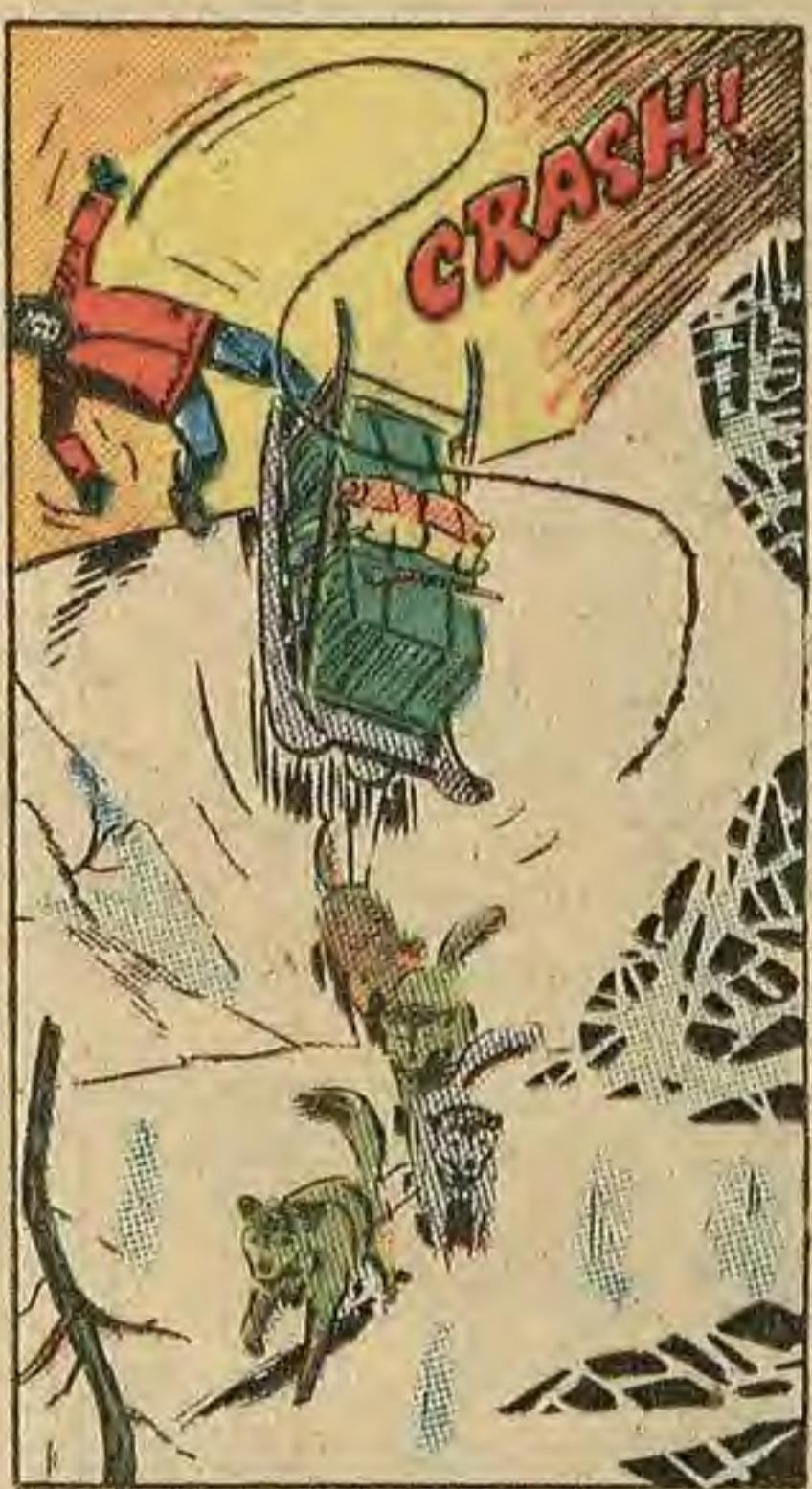
EVERYTHING'S GETTING DIM!
I CAN'T TELL WHICH WAY I'M HEADING!

BLAZES--WHY DIDN'T I WAIT UNTIL NIGHT? I'M HEADING SOUTHEAST--WITH THAT BLASTED GLARE IN MY FACE!



CRASH!

I'VE GOT TO GET HOLD OF MYSELF! I'LL REST A BIT--AND WAIT UNTIL THE SUN IS HAZED OVER BY THE MIST!



SHIVERING AND IMPATIENT, THE LEAD DOG RAISED A HOWL--AND IN THAT INSTANT--SANDERSON SAW SOMETHING!

WHAT'S THAT--UNDER THE ICE?

AAROOOOOOO!



WHY'D YOU EVER FOLLOW ME? KEEP AWAY--KEEP AWAY!

WHY'D YOU EVER FOLLOW ME...





YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE ON TOMORROW'S BOAT, SANDERSON! AND ACCORDING TO THE TESTS WE MADE ON THAT GOLD DUST YOU BROUGHT BACK... YOU'RE A WEALTHY MAN!

THE WHOLE THING... IT WAS ALL MY IMAGINATION! THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR... I CAN GO BACK TO THE STATES...

YES... SANDERSON WAS RICH NOW! HE SURROUNDED HIMSELF WITH LUXURIES, EVEN BECAME ENGAGED TO A LOVELY WOMAN... ALL TO HELP HIM FORGET THE FACE HE LEFT BACK THERE... BEHIND THE ICE!

I PICKED OUT A BEAUTIFUL GIFT WITH THE BIRTHDAY MONEY YOU GAVE ME, DEAR! LIKE TO SEE IT?

NOT RIGHT NOW, BABY! I FEEL RESTLESS TONIGHT... I WANT TO GET GOING AND HAVE SOME FUN!

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, SANDY! YOU SEEM MILES AWAY!

JUST A MOOD! KIND OF HARD TO EXPLAIN... BUT IT'S BEEN MONTHS SINCE I'VE SEEN... SNOW!

SANDY... DOESN'T THAT CLARINET SOUND WONDERFUL? I COULD LISTEN TO IT FOREVER... AROUND YOU!

SORRY TO BREAK IN, MR. SANDERSON... BUT I'D LIKE AN INTERVIEW FOR THE "EVENING GLOBE"!

HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU LEFT YOUR ARCTIC CAMP WITH THAT LOAD OF HIGH-YIELD ORE... EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO?

YOU MEAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO... TONIGHT?

I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER THAT TRIP, BUD! I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SAY... SO SCREAM OUT OF HERE!

THAT'S RIGHT, SANDY... IT'S OUR PARTY! COME ON... LET'S DANCE!

SANDERSON HARDLY HEARD THE MUSIC... EXCEPT FOR THOSE HIGH, LONG-DRAWN WAILS THAT COME FROM THE CLARINET!

WAHH-AAAOOOO!

WHAT'S COME OVER ME...? WHY CAN'T I DRIVE THAT SOUND OUT OF MY HEAD?

AND THEN HE
REMEMBERED THAT
ARCTIC NIGHT...
AND THE HALF-TAME
FOX HOWLING FOR
THE FACE BEHIND
THE ICE!

AAAOOOOOO!

WAH-WAHAHOOO!

SANDY
...WHAT ON
EARTH'S
WRONG?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH
...THAT'S WHAT!
TAKE CARE OF THE
CHECK—I'M LEAV-
ING!

LOOKS LIKE
THE GENTLE-
MAN WANTS
TO BE ALONE,
MISS!

IF THAT'S THE WAY
HE FEELS...HE CAN
KEEP THAT FOX FUR
PRESENT I BOUGHT! I'M TAK-
ING IT RIGHT BACK
TO HIS HOTEL...
TONIGHT!

FOR TWO HOURS...SANDERSON
WALKED IN THE SWIRLING SNOW!
ABOVE WAS THE HAZY BLUR OF NEON
...AND IT REMINDED HIM OF SOME-
THING ELSE!

IT'S JUST LIKE SEE-
ING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
AGAIN! I THOUGHT IT WAS
ALL BURIED IN THE PAST...
BUT TONIGHT I KEEP
FEELING I'M GOING
BACK...BACK TO
THAT ARCTIC
CAMP WHERE
BOOTH WAS
TRAPPED!

THERE WAS NOTHING LESS LIKE THE
ARCTIC THAN THAT FAMILIAR HOTEL
CORRIDOR...BUT AS HE REACHED HIS
DOOR...

I LOCKED IT
WHEN I LEFT...
BUT IT'S Ajar!
SOMEONE'S BEEN
IN THERE...OR SOME-
ONE'S IN THERE
NOW!



WHAT'S GOT INTO MR. SANDERSON? PROBABLY HAD A RUN-IN WITH HIS FIANCÉE! AT LEAST... SHE SEEMED IN A HUFF WHEN SHE DEMANDED THE KEY TO HIS ROOM EARLIER TONIGHT! SAID SHE WANTED TO RETURN A VALUABLE PRESENT... A FOX FUR PIECE!

THE SNOW WAS FALLING HEAVIER NOW... IT BLOTTED OUT THE BUILDINGS... AND TURNED THE CITY INTO A MUFFLED SOLITUDE!

IT'S JUST LIKE... IT WAS A YEAR AGO TONIGHT! ALMOST AS IF I WERE BACK THERE AGAIN! CONFOUND IT... I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING...



IT WAS A POLE HE'D CRASHED INTO... AND THE NUMBING IMPACT SENT STRANGE VISIONS REELING BEFORE HIS DAZED EYES! ONCE AGAIN, HE SEEMED TO SEE BOOTH'S FACE...

DO YOU REMEMBER ME, SANDERSON? THE MAN WHOSE DAUGHTER YOU LEFT IN POVERTY...?

BOOTH!

NOW HE RAN WILDLY--WITHOUT DIRECTION... EXCEPT FOR THE CHILLING REALIZATION THAT IT WAS SOMEWHERE HORRIBLY FAMILIAR!



WE KEPT GOING UNTIL THE WIND ROSE... LASHING HIM WITH FROZEN SLEET! THEN HE FELL... AS THE HOWL OF A FOX SENT A CHILL TO HIS HEART!

AOOOOOOO!
IT'S NO USE... I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THAT FACE BEHIND THE ICE!



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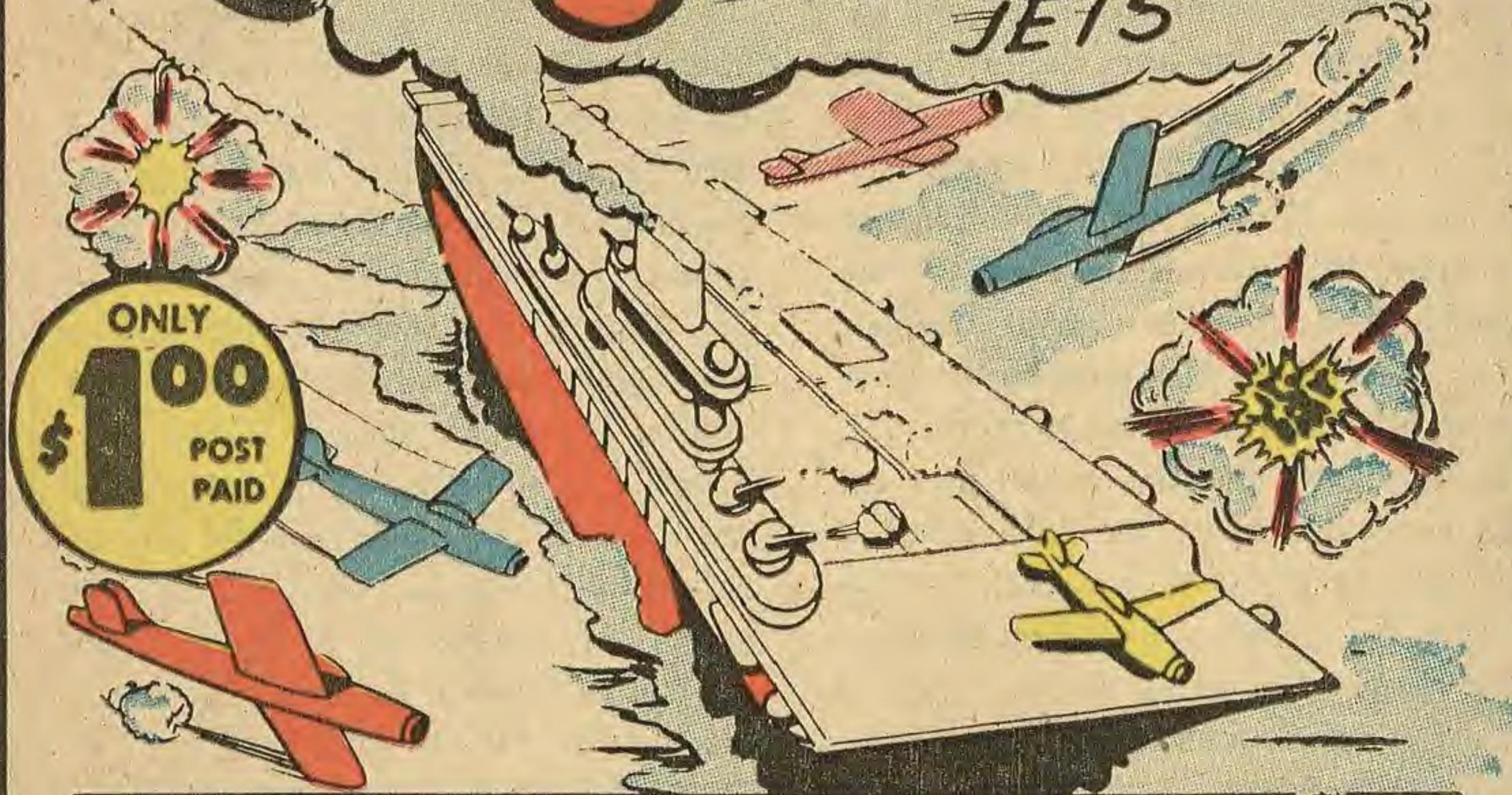
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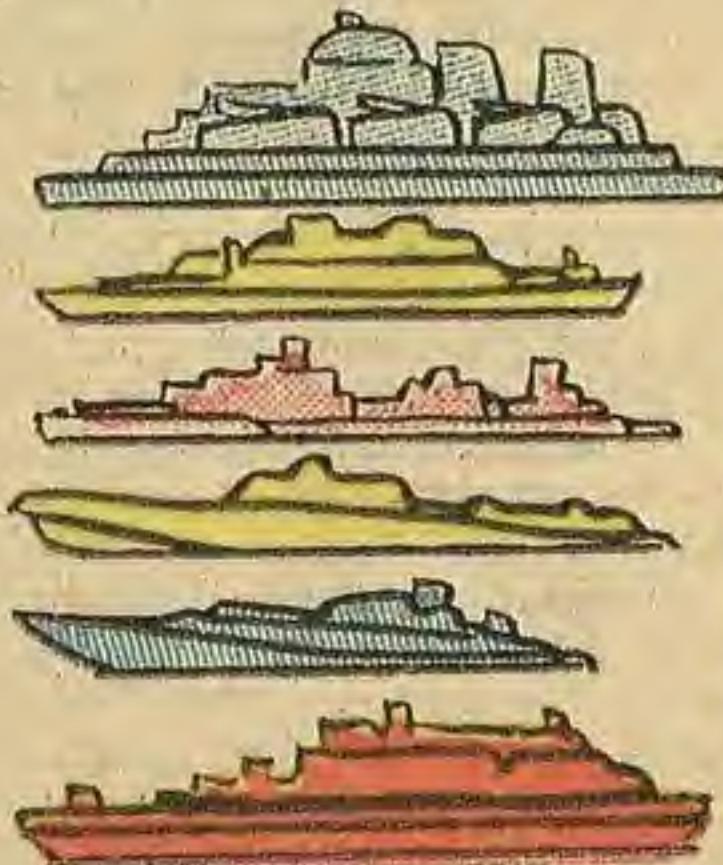


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LET'S TALK IT OVER!

HELLO, readers! It's meeting-time for the fans of "Adventures Into The Unknown"—that established occasion for trading compliments and gripes!

We're happy to state that we do get compliments aplenty—but occasionally, there are complaints, too. Some are justified and some aren't. A typical gripe might be as follows: "I didn't like your drawing on such-and-such story. All the other pictures in the issue were swell, but where'd you ever dig up this artist?"

We listen very carefully to this sort of objection. If we get many such letters, we know that a certain art style is unpopular, and we make sure to eliminate it in future issues. But most of the time, fortunately, it doesn't have to go this far. The very artist that one reader may not like turns out to be the favorite of a thousand others! For our part, we try to play along the safe side by retaining only those illustrators whose work is attractive and interesting—and does justice to the story.

That brings us to a very important point that we'd like to bring home to you. There's no over-emphasizing the necessity for tops art in a comics magazine, and that's exactly what we strive to bring you at all times. But the best drawing in the world can't disguise a poor story. The starting-point should be—and with us, it is—a top-flight story. That means one which holds your interest from beginning to end—one which is challenging, fascinating, tense. It must be well characterized and contain an actionful plot which works towards an exciting climax, yet maintains suspense throughout. Such a plot can only stem from a thoroughly imaginative writer. When you've got it, it's time to think about assigning it to an ace illustrator. These are the precepts which underlie our operation, and you can see them at work in this very issue! Tell us how you like it—and if there are any gripes, don't pull the punches! Write to *The Editor*, 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N.Y.

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UNTIL THAT DAY YOU WERE A NOBODY, JUST A SHADE DIFFERENT FROM MOST NOBODIES BECAUSE YOU WERE TIRED OF BEING ONE! IF YOU'D HAD THE BRAINS, YOU MIGHT HAVE INVENTED SOMETHING LIKE THE AIRPLANE, OR FIGURED A WAY TO DRAW SOUND FROM THE AIR INTO A VACUUM TUBE! BUT ALL YOU HAD WAS A MIXTURE OF IMAGINATION AND AN ITCH FOR FAME---AND THEY BROUGHT YOU---



YOU LITERALLY LEAPED TO FAME WITH WHAT THE WHOLE WORLD AGREED WAS THE MOST SPECTACULAR DEATH IN HISTORY---AND ANYONE WHO WAS THERE THAT DAY AT NIAGARA FALLS WILL NEVER FORGET IT...

HE'S GOING LIKE SIXTY! HURRY UP, MARTHA---I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN HE WHIZZES OVER THE EDGE!

BUT IT'S A DREADFUL THING TO WATCH! PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED TRYING TO JUMP THE FALLS IN A BARREL!

THERE YOU WERE, WITH THOUSANDS LOOKING ON-- CURLED IN A RED BARREL TOSSED TOWARD THE QUAKING BRINK OF THE FALLS...

IT'LL ALL BE OVER IN A FEW MINUTES! THEN EVERYBODY WILL KNOW WHO I AM---I'LL BE FAMOUS!



THE HALF A DOZEN WOMEN FAINT JUST FROM LOOKING AT YOU--WHEN YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE VISIBLE! NO, YOU DIDN'T EXPECT THAT BARREL TO SHATTER AGAINST A ROCK AND FLING YOU UP OVER THE PLUNGING WHITE FURY OF THE FALLS...

GOOD HEAVENS...HE'S DONE FOR!

THEN YOU'RE PART OF THAT THUNDERING FROTH, A SPRAWLING BLACK SPECK PLUNGING INTO YOUR DAMP EXILE, LOST IN THAT CHURNING AVALANCHE OF SLIDING VAPOR...

FOR PETE'S SAKE, DON'T LOOK!

THIS IS THE SECOND THAT COULD MEAN THE END OF A NOBODY--THE END OF LIFE, HOPES...

BUT ONLY YOU KNOW IT ISN'T THE END! YOU'RE CLUTCHING THAT SLIPPERY CASCADE-POUNDED ROCK THAT JUTS UNSEEN A HUNDRED FEET DOWN, KNOWING YOU'RE ALIVE... BUT THAT NO ONE'S EVER GOING TO KNOW IT...

YOU HANG THERE, STRANGLED BY THE ENDLESS RUSH OF THE FALLS... FEELING YOUR FINGERNAILS SLIP AS YOU BLINDLY GROPE FOR A HOLD ON THAT ROCK...

I'VE GOT TO HOLD ON! GOT TO... GOT TO...

WHO'D EXPECT YOU TO BE THERE? THE SILENT CROWD IS WATCHING THOSE RED BARREL STAVES LEAP IN THE TORRENT A MILE AWAY, AND WOMEN WEEP AND BRAVE MEN SHUDDER AS THEY PRAY FOR YOUR SOUL! THEY PRAY FOR A MOMENT AND THEN THEY WALK SLOWLY AWAY FROM THAT HURTLED DIN...

MIGHTY SICKENING WAY TO DIE, JOE!

TOOK PLENTY OF COURAGE! YEP, PLENTY OF GUTS!

THEY PRAYED, AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW THEY SHOULD HAVE CONTINUED PRAYING... BECAUSE AS ONE HAND SLIPS ON THAT ROCK YOU'RE MIDWAY BETWEEN DROWNING IN MID-AIR AND TAKING THAT SWOOPING CRASH DOWN THE REST OF THE WAY...



YOU FEEL A LEAPING TON OF WATER RIP YOU FROM THAT ROCK LIKE A SOGGY LEECH AND THE BOILING SPUME BURIES YOU IN ITS LEAP...



THEN THE GREEN-FLECKED SUDS FALL AWAY AND DOWN LIKE A BURSTING VEIL...AND YOU'RE ON THAT LEDGE...



YOU'RE ON THAT LEDGE BEHIND THE FALLS, STUPIDLY WATCHING THE TINY CASCADES STREAM FROM YOUR DEAFENED EARS AND Gaping MOUTH...



YOU'RE ALIVE... BUT WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE? THROUGH THAT FOREVER-FALLING CURTAIN THERE SOMETIMES WINKS A NARROW, SHIFTING GAP... A SLIT THAT GIVES YOU A SWIFT GLIMPSE BEYOND BEFORE IT CHURNS SHUT... A GLIMPSE IN WHICH YOU CAN SEE PEOPLE, POINTING TO THE RAGING BASIN WHERE THEY THINK YOU DIED...



FOR AN HOUR YOU SCREAM THROUGH THAT SHUTTLING GAP. YOU PERCH ON THAT LEDGE AND WAIL AGAINST THE ROCK-THROATED BOOM OF THE FALLS...



BUT NOBODY HEARS... NOBODY! ONCE PEOPLE HAVE PRAYED FOR A NOBODY, THEY'LL NEVER COME LOOKING FOR HIM, NEVER DREAM THAT HE'S SOBMING IN HIS EXILE IN THE BIG ROAR...



NOW, ON THE EDGE OF THIS VASTNESS YOUR WORLD DIMINISHES INTO A CRAZY-QUILT OF DAY-DREAMS AND FAR-SPACED EVENTS--EVENTS THAT KEEP YOU ALIVE! YOU SPRING AT THAT HOPPING FROG...



YOUR SHACKLED ENERGY IS GOING TO DRIVE YOU CRAZY HERE IN THE WET CONFINES OF YOUR TINY CAVE! FOR WEEKS YOU DRIVE YOURSELF TO EXHAUSTION CHIPPING AWAY AT THAT ROCK--JUST TO DO SOMETHING!

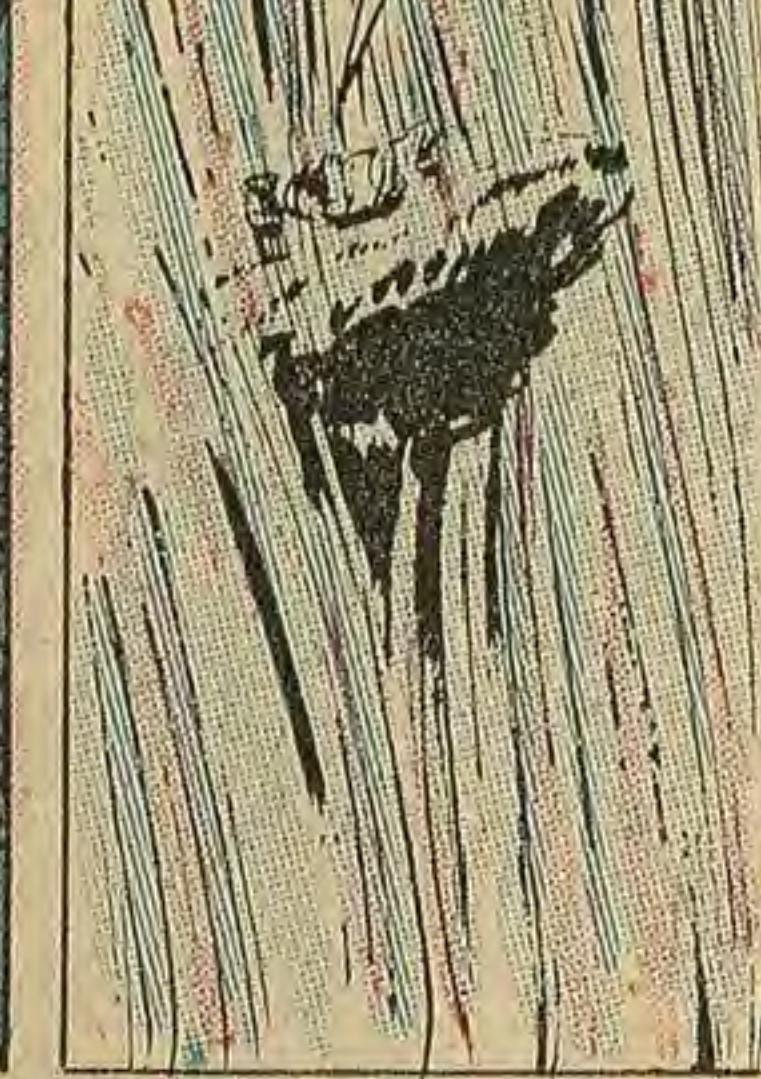
AN INCH A WEEK!
I...I'M MAKING THE CAVE BIGGER, ANYWAY!

THEN THE MIST, THE ROAR,
THE DESPAIR OF YOUR SOLITUDE MERGE SLOWLY INTO NOTHING, AND YOU LEAVE OFF EVEN TRYING TO HOPE...

DAY FOLLOWS DAY, AND GRADUALLY, TIME LOSES ITS MEANING! ALL YOU KNOW IS THE ENDLESS ROAR--AND THE DULL REALIZATION THAT TOMORROW WILL BE LIKE YESTERDAY--THAT ALL YOUR TOMORROWS WILL BE LIKE YESTERDAY...

IF ONLY... I COULDN'T HEAR THAT AWFUL NOISE...

IT'S... AS IF I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE!



HERE, A HUNDRED FEET DOWN, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW FROST, AND NO WIND WILL EVER STIR THE FAMILIARITY OF YOUR CAVE, EVEN WHEN IT'S SEALED BY THE ICY, MASSIVE NAKEDNESS OF WINTER--

YOU SLUMP BACK AGAINST THE DANK, COLD WALL, NEITHER ASLEEP NOR AWAKE IN THE STRANGE COMA THAT HAS BECOME A SORT OF NUMBED CONTENTMENT! IT'S WINTER, AND THE BIG ROAR IS FROZEN MUTE... BUT FROM FAR OFF, YOU HEAR ANOTHER ROAR THAT MEANS NOTHING WHATEVER TO YOU...

YOU'RE A LONG TIME DYING AND YOU'RE A LONG WHILE FROM THAT LOST HOUR WHEN YOU SCREAMED THROUGH THAT GAP IN THE FALLS, AND THERE'S NO NEED TO GO THROUGH IT AGAIN! BECAUSE WHEN ENOUGH WATER SPLASHES ONTO YOU TO AROUSE YOUR MEMORY, YOU CAN STILL SEE THOSE PEOPLE WHO PRAYED, AND YOU KNOW IT'S NO USE---

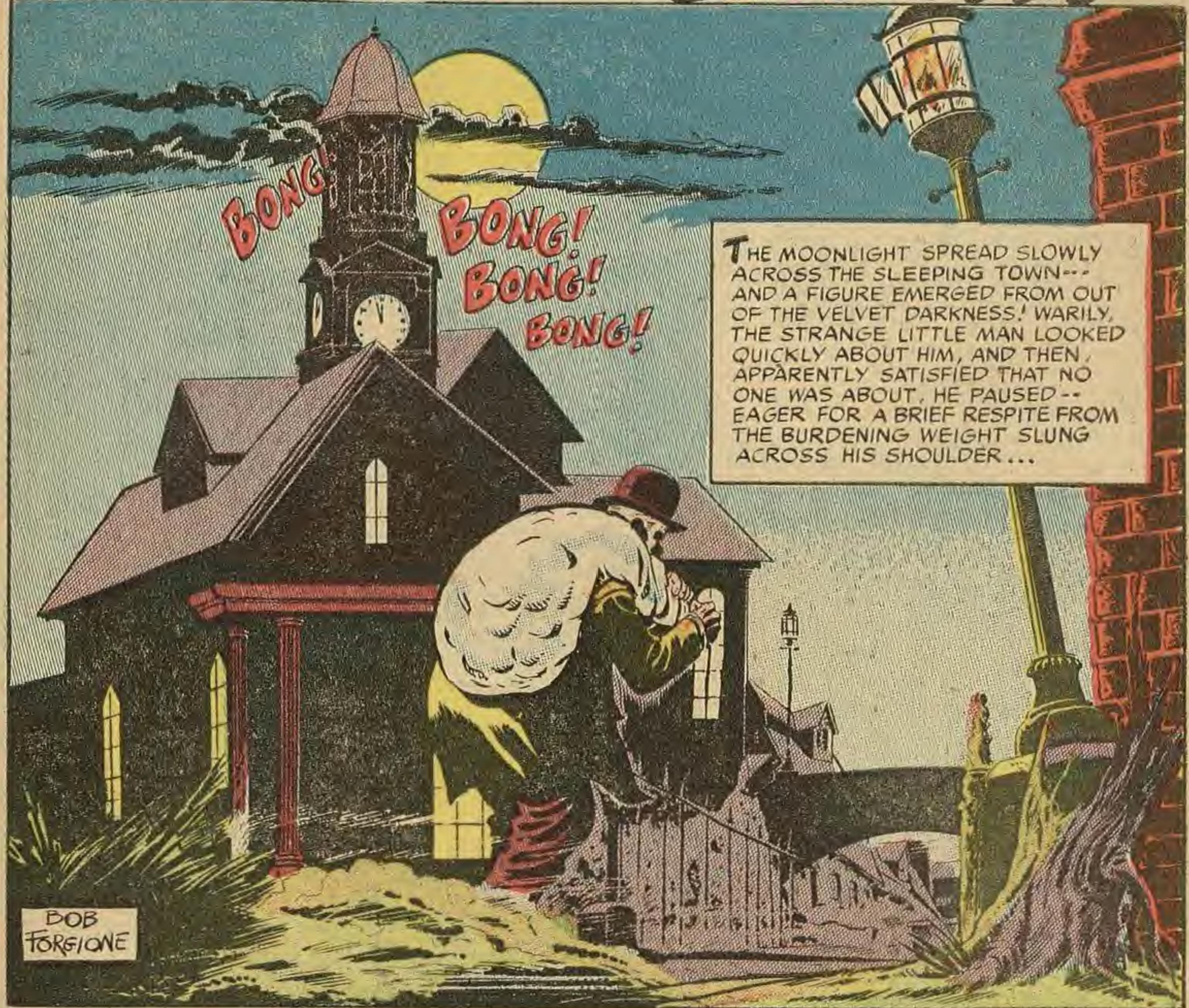


YOU CAN STILL SEE THOSE ROUND DERBIES AND WASP-WAISTED FROCKS, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS FORTY YEARS AGO! PEOPLE WHO HAVE EITHER DIED OR FORGOTTEN YOU, WHICH MAKES YOU A NOBODY AGAIN--HERE IN THE BIG ROAR!

IT'S BEEN A MIGHTY LONG TIME SINCE THAT DAY ON OUR HONEYMOON AT NIAGARA FALLS, JOHN! YOU KNOW, MARTHA... SOMETIMES I'VE GOT THE FEELING SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED THAT DAY--BUT I'M DANGED IF I CAN REMEMBER WHAT!

THE END.

Nothing But THE TRUTH!



SLOWLY, CAREFULLY, HE MOPPED HIS PERSPIRING BROW...

I'LL HAVE TO SPEAK TO MALCOLM ABOUT THIS! THESE LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN QUITE TRYING!

THEN, WITH A RESIGNED SHRUG OF HIS SHOULDERS, HE REPLACED HIS HANKERCHIEF, AND SEIZING HIS BURDEN, MADE HIS WAY SILENTLY ALONG A SELDOM-USED ROAD...

TRUE, WE MAY NEED THIS RADIOACTIVE ORE IN OUR EXPERIMENTS, BUT THE NEED TO BUY AND TRANSPORT IT SECRETLY LIKE THIS--IT GOES AGAINST THE GRAIN!



SO THE LITTLE MAN WITH THE HEAVY BURDEN
TRUDGED ON, TO A LARGE, WEALTHY MANSION
AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN!

BUT WE'VE GOT TO WORK IN
SECRET, OTHERWISE OUR GREAT
PROJECT MIGHT BECOME KNOWN
...AND PUBLICITY AT THIS STAGE
WOULD DELAY US!



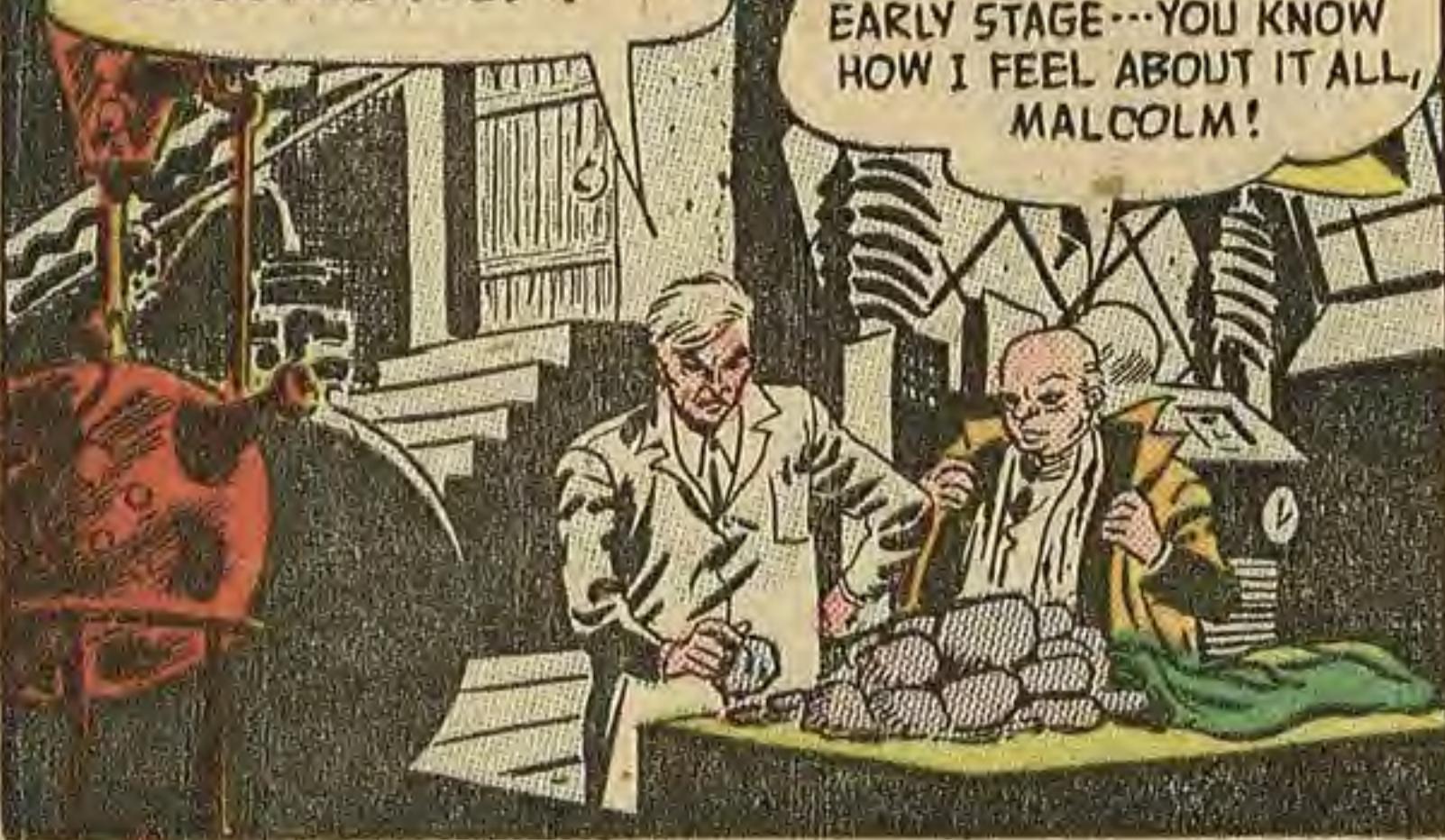
COME IN, VALMOND! EVERY-
THING IS IN READINESS! I'VE
BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO
YOUR ARRIVAL--- I
CAN'T RUN ANOTHER TEST
WITHOUT THE RADIOACTIVE EN-
ERGIZING SUBSTANCE YOU'VE
BROUGHT!



SILENTLY, THE LITTLE MAN FOLLOWED HIS SHUFFLING
HOST, DOWN A SPIRAL STAIRWELL AND THEN INTO A
SMALL LAB! WITH A SIGH OF RELIEF, HE
LOWERED HIS BURDEN...

NOT BAD, VALMOND! IT SHOULD
ANSWER OUR PURPOSES
EXCELLENTLY!

YES, BUT THIS WORKING
IN THE DARK BECAUSE WE
FEAR PUBLICITY AT THIS
EARLY STAGE---YOU KNOW
HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT ALL,
MALCOLM!



HOW WELL I DO, OLD FRIEND, AND YOU KNOW
THAT I SHARE THOSE SAME FEELINGS! IT
GRIEVES ME THAT WE MUST RESORT TO THIS--
BUT IT IS FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY!

YES--BUT ONLY
IF WE ARE
SUCESSFUL!



YES, I KNOW!
HOW MANY
SCIENTISTS
HAVE FAILED
BEFORE US!
BUT TRY WE
MUST! THERE
IS NO OTHER
CHOICE!

I SUPPOSE
SO--EVEN IF
I HATE THE
FURTIVENESS--
THE SECRECY--



DOWN DEEP INSIDE, YOU FEEL
THE SAME AS ME! YOUR SOUL
STIRS AT THE CHALLENGE WE
HAVE UNDERTAKEN, AND YOU
KNOW AS WELL AS I THAT THERE
CAN BE NO GOING BACK!



WE'VE GOT TO KEEP ON! OUR GREAT
PROJECT GOES FORTH---THE EMPLOY-
MENT OF RADIOACTIVITY ALONG THE
NEW LINES WE HAVE DEVISED---
WITH THE PURPOSE OF
CONQUERING
DEATH!



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ARE YOU READY, VALMOND?

IN A MOMENT, MALCOLM! THE PRECIPITATION FACTOR IN THESE ENZYMES IS ALMOST FIXED!

SOLEMNLY THEY TOOK THEIR PLACES! THEIR THREE HUNDREDTH EXPERIMENT WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

IF THE BALANCE IS RIGHT, OUR SPECIAL FORMULA, WITH THE BOOSTER ELEMENT AFFORDED BY RADIOACTIVE PRESSURE, SHOULD RESTORE THE FROG'S HEART-BEAT!

612 MEGATRONS
...ALL SET!

ANXIOUSLY, THE SCIENTIST GAZED WITHIN HIS STRANGE CABINET! SWIFTLY, HE ADJUSTED THE CONTROLS...

...THERE!

AND AS THE MINUTES TICKED OFF...

NOTHING! WE HAVE FAILED AGAIN!

BUT WE WILL GO ON! WE CAN'T STOP NOW! WE ARE SCIENTISTS, AND WE HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH FAILURES!

PERHAPS IT IS ALL WRONG! PERHAPS WE ARE DEALING WITH MATTERS WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TAMPER WITH!

WHAT IF GALILEO FELT THAT WAY? OR PASTEUR? OR KOCH? WHERE WOULD THE COURSE OF CIVILIZATION HAVE BEEN LED? ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IF YOU CAN, AND THEN TELL ME WHETHER YOU THINK WE DO RIGHT OR WRONG!

YOU'RE...RIGHT, MALCOLM!
FORGIVE ME FOR MY DOUBTS
...YOU CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON MY HELP!

AND WHO KNOWS, VALMOND?
TOMORROW WE MAY SUCCEED!

BUT MANY NIGHTS PASSED... WITH VALMOND STAGGERING BENEATH LOADS OF RADIO-ACTIVE ORE... WITH MALCOLM CONDUCTING NUMBERLESS TESTS! AND STILL THE FUTURE WAS WITHOUT PROMISE OR A SINGLE SIGN OF HOPE...

AGAIN AND AGAIN THE TESTS WERE MADE, AND WITH EACH EXPERIMENT THEIR DISCOURAGEMENT BECAME MORE AND MORE APPARENT...

READY, VALMOND?

YES-- I AM READY-- AGAIN!

THERE...THE FORMULA'S INJECTED! THE ANIMAL DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES JUST TODAY...

AND IT WILL STAY DEAD. I'M AFRAID! BETTER PROCEED WITH THE RADIO-ACTIVE PHASE, ANYWAY!

THERE WAS A LOW, RESTRAINED HUMMING AS A POWERFUL WAVE OF RADIACITY POURED DOWNWARD! JUST ANOTHER EXPERIMENT, THEY THOUGHT? BUT SLOWLY, UNBELIEVABLY, BEFORE THEIR STARTLED EYES...

LOOK!

IT-- IT CAN'T BE!

IT'S ALIVE!
IT'S EATING!

WE'VE DONE IT! WHAT NO MAN HAS DONE BEFORE!

MALCOLM, OLD FRIEND! YOU ARE CRYING!

YES...IN WHAT SHOULD BE OUR MOMENT OF TRIUMPH! THINK OF THE BOON WE COULD BRING TO MANKIND IF WE COULD PROVE THAT OUR GREAT DISCOVERY COULD RESTORE LIFE TO A HUMAN!

BUT ONE CANNOT EXPERIMENT WITH MAN IN SUCH AN UNDERTAKING! AND THAT MEANS THAT EVEN IN SUCCESS, WE HAVE FOUND FAILURE!

HMM...BUT THERE IS NO DENYING THE GREAT PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE! COME, MALCOLM--LET US DRINK TO IT... AND ITS FUTURE!



NOTHING WAS LACKING, NOT EVEN TO THE HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD BRANDY AND VALMOND'S GLOWING TOAST

TO OUR FRIENDSHIP, MALCOLM. LAST WEEK THERE WERE ONLY SHORT YEARS TO LOOK FORWARD TO, BUT ALL THAT IS CHANGED! NO LONGER NEED WE THINK IN TERMS OF YEARS, BUT ONLY IN THE VAST SCOPE OF ETERNITY ITSELF! YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT OUR COMPOUND WORKS ON HUMANS...

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...

...YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW
...THAT IT WORKS
...ON ME!



I---DRUGGED MY GLASS! IT'S LITTLE TO DO ---FOR OUR FRIENDSHIP AND HUMANITY ---BECAUSE I KNOW---YOU'RE GOING TO BRING ME BACK!

OH, VALMOND,
VALMOND---MAN-KIND WILL BLESS
YOU FOREVER!

REMEMBER
I'M TRUSTING
---MY LIFE TO
YOU...

YES, TRUSTING IT TO
PROVE OUR GREAT
WORK---TO BRING
MANKIND ITS BENEFITS!
YOU'LL BE THE FIRST
MAN TO BE BROUGHT
BACK TO LIFE, VALMOND
---AND THE WORLD WILL
NEVER FORGET WHAT
YOU'VE DONE!

THE DYING MAN CLOSED HIS EYES,
LEANED WEAKLY AGAINST THE
FRENCH DOORS! AS THEY OPENED
BENEATH HIS WEIGHT



I'M COMING,
VALMOND...
I'M HERE!

COMPASSIONATELY, HE CRADLED THE DEAD MAN IN HIS ARMS! THE TEARS COURSED DOWN HIS CHEEK, AND HIS VOICE WAS FILLED WITH A NOTE OF TREMBLING TENDERNESS...



ONLY A MATTER OF
MINUTES, DEAR FRIEND!
I HAVE EVERYTHING IN
READINESS! THE FORMU-
LA, THE NEEDLE! ONLY
A FEW MINUTES AND
WE SHALL BE LAUGH-
ING TOGETHER AS
OF OLD! YOU WILL
SEE, OLD FRIEND!
I WILL NOT FOR-
SAKE YOU!



BUT AS HE STRAIGHTENED UP UNDER HIS HEAVY
BURDEN--

I THOUGHT I HEARD A
CRASH! WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?

YOU--YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND--
IT'S NOT THE WAY IT LOOKS! HE
MAY HAVE DIED FROM THE POISON,
BUT--

POISON, IS
IT? MISTER,
YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST!



WELL, WHY ARE
YOU HANGING
BACK? ARE YOU
GOING TO COME
ALONG---OR
MUST I USE
FORCE?

BUT-- BUT THERE
ISN'T TIME! I--
I'VE GOT TO
RESTORE
VALMOND
TO LIFE!

YOU'VE GOT TO SEE HOW IT WAS! HE
WANTED TO BENEFIT HUMANITY, AND HE
WAS GOING TO HAVE THE HONOR OF BE-
ING THE FIRST! HELP ME GET HIM
INSIDE AND I'LL PROVE IT! ALL IS
READY--WAITING TO
BRING HIM BACK!

YOU'RE
CRAZY!

BUT THEY TOOK ME AWAY,
DRAGGED ME OFF LIKE A
FELON! THEY FOUND THE
POISON WHEN THEY PERFORMED
THE AUTOPSY, AND ACCUSED ME
OF FINISHING VALMOND DURING
A DRUNKEN RAGE! I SHOUTED
AT THEM, SCREAMED THE
TRUTH! THE SERUM WAS
THERE WAITING--IT WAS ALL
SO SIMPLE--



THEY LAUGHED AT THE SERUM MOST OF ALL!
THE RANTING OF A LOST MIND, THEY SAID--AND
PITIED ME! PITIED ME... WHILE VALMOND
LAY IN HIS GRAVE!
THE DOING OF A
SICK MIND,
THEY SAID!

AND SO THEY PUT ME HERE--I, WHO COULD HAVE
SAVED HIM! THEY SAY I'M MAD! BUT YOU KNOW
I'M NOT! YOU KNOW... YOU KNOW BEST OF ALL!
YOU KNOW I'VE TOLD--NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH!



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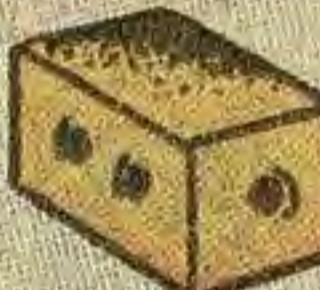
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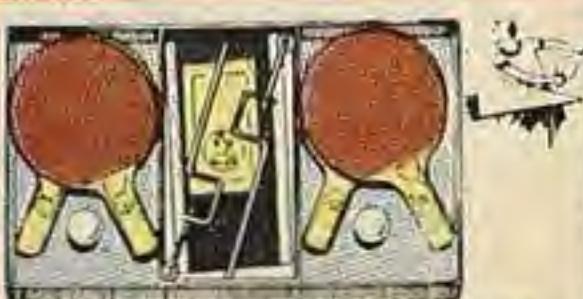
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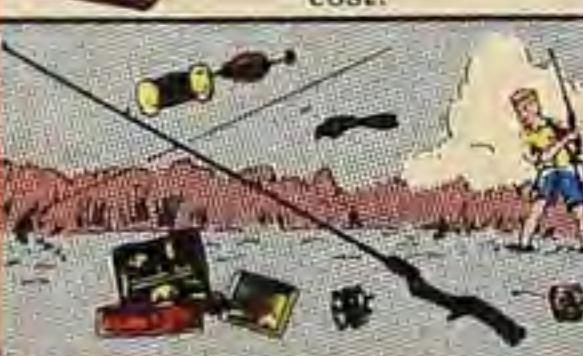
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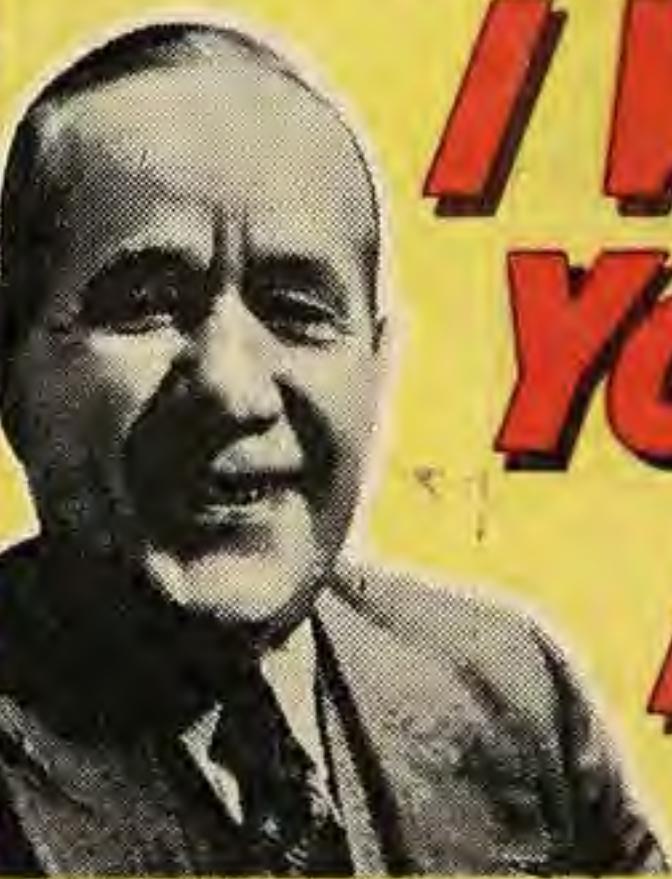
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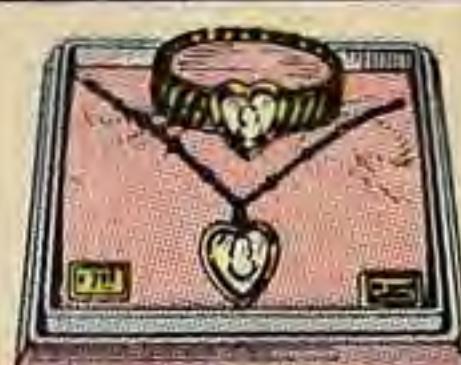
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